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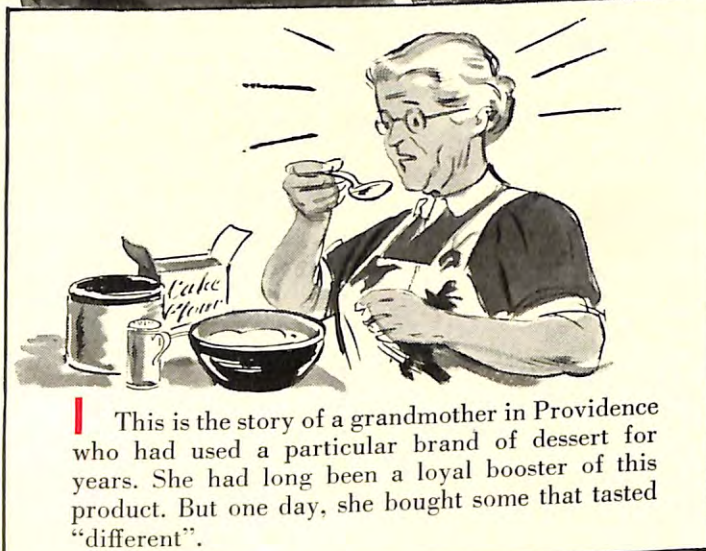


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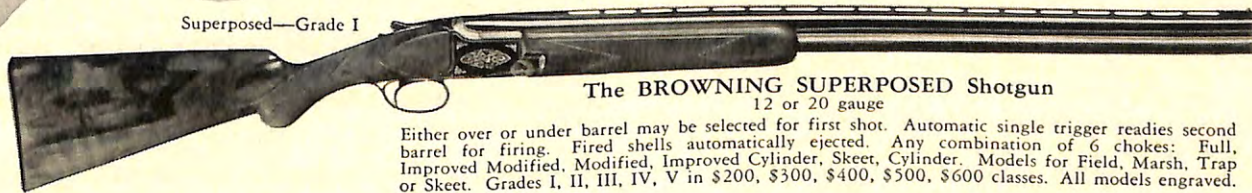
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



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All callers are most courteously received. Receptionists are experts. While the Democrats have but one listing in the phone book, they are not overshadowed by the GOP. There is another number, National 1414, which is quite important. It is listed under the name of "White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," a headquarters recently remodelled at a cost of \$5,000,000 which any political party would like to keep.

BIG SWINDLE CRACK DOWN

This country and Canada are joining hands to crack down on racketeers who swindle Americans out of about \$50,000,000 a year in fake mining and oil stocks.

It is a mail and phone game in which the suckers are pressured to buy securities under the glittering assurance that they will get rich quick in Canadian uranium, gold, silver or oil deposits. There has been no way for Uncle Sam to bring them into custody, but under the new arrangement the United States and Canada are agreeing to permit extradition for certain offenses, including use of the mails to defraud.

TEACHING BY TV

U. S. Office of Education wants more effective teaching of foreign languages in grade schools and television will be used to supplement text books. Fifty classes will be organized among third and fourth graders in Washington.

ATOMIC SUBMARINE

The atomic powered U.S.N. submarine now being built will have a nuclear reactor which will turn water into steam. The steam will run turbine motors. It is said that a pound of uranium can develop as much power as two and one half million pounds of coal or 360,000 gallons of gasoline. In other words, the motor will almost wear out before the fuel tank runs dry.

TAKE IT OR LOSE IT

Under the new law, federal workers must use up their accumulated annual leave by Dec. 19th this year or lose it. That's the date of the last pay period. Maximum accumulations are 60 days except some 90-day periods accumulated during the war. The law puts a stop to piling up leave.

FEWER MARRIAGES

Federal Security Agency views with alarm the continued slump in marriages. Some say it is due to the low birth rate in the early 1930s during the depression. Divorces also are lower.

COURSE FOR JURORS

When schools open this month District Senior high school students will have a course on conduct for jurors. It will be suggested that they dress inconspicuously and not try to be "private eyes" while serving. It is made plain that all witnesses will not agree on details of evidence, that some will be nervous and confused, and that few persons observe

accurately. The course will be added to government and history teaching, where it properly belongs.

AIR FORCE BEER

Air Force posts throughout the country have been instructed by the Pentagon how to draw a proper, and incidentally a profitable, glass of beer. You open the tap completely until the glass is about two thirds full, then close the tap, then give it a final zip until the suds barely flow over the top. Exact height of the collar is not specified.

TAX TV RECEIPTS

From now on the D. C. boxing commission will take a 10 per cent cut of all receipts from telecasts, broadcasts and movies of fights held in Washington. Revenue from paid admissions was so low the commission had a hard time paying the secretary's salary. It took an act of Congress and the signature of President Truman to get the extra money.

ELEPHANT EMBLEMS

They say that a big rubber elephant sent to GOP headquarters here is not the right kind. The elephant when it is trumpeting, with trunk raised in air, always has a front foot off the ground ready to charge. This rubber one stands flat-footed. Some of these campaign donkeys are the wrong kind, too. An aroused donkey has its ears laid back and its hind feet ready for a jet propulsion.

NEW BUS DEPOT

Washington will have a super-bus depot, a \$20 million structure 7 stories high with stores and parking space for 1,500 private cars. It will occupy an entire block and be privately financed.

CAPITAL COMBINGS

October 4 a stamp honoring newsboys will be issued. . . . District police and firemen and White House police get a 10.8 per cent increase in pay. . . . Federal tax on gasoline in the District is now 5 cents a gallon, up one cent. . . . Draft call for September is 30,000 men and October will be 54,000. . . . Tweet, tweet, tweet, the Army has ordered \$20,000 worth of piccolos. . . . Work injuries are down to around 13.5 per million man-hours worked—a new low record—the Department of Labor reports.

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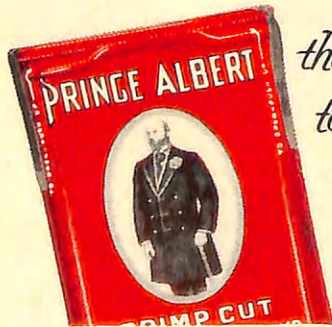


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At the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, was elected President—one of the highest honors that the medical profession can bestow. He will take office June, 1953. Dr. McCormick, whose home is in Toledo, Ohio, brings to this office a distinguished career as a surgeon. He is a Fellow of the American, as well as the International, College of Surgeons. England awarded him the Military Cross for his services in France with the B.E.F. during World War I. Two years ago he represented the U. S. at the World Health Assembly, a U.N. agency, at the meeting in Switzerland.

In spite of his outstanding professional activities, Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick has given much of his time and ability to the Order as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation. He has made important contributions to the Cerebral Palsy Program and his counsel, based upon his wide professional experience, has contributed immeasurably to the success of this great Elk work. The whole Order takes pride in the election of Dr. McCormick to the high position in his profession of President of the American Medical Association.

NEXT ISSUE

In the October issue, *The Elks Magazine* will feature the annual hunting section. There will be a hunting cover by the well-known animal painter, Bob Kuhn, and illustrations by Geoffrey Biggs and C. E. Monroe, Jr. A popular outdoors sports writer has prepared an article about wolves; Ted Trueblood tells why he isn't a great bear hunter, and Dan Holland has a semi-technical article about wingshooting.



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Pro football has come of age—and when they reach the big leagues they separate

...THE MEN FROM THE BOYS

BY ARTHUR DALEY

IT WAS mighty discouraging. Yet the doggedly persistent George Halas still made the rounds of Chicago newspaper offices day after day. On the desk of each sports editor he'd place a press notice, which rarely was printed, and stacks of free tickets, which rarely were used.

After practice each morning Halas would split his Chicago Bear football squad in half, one batch taking handbills for distribution on the University of Chicago campus and the other at Northwestern. He hired a calliope to attract attention to his wares but had to halt because he couldn't afford the \$15 monthly fee it cost him.

He was thrilled almost to tears when one Chicago newspaper added the extra flourish to the usual one-line account of a Chicago Bear football game. It faithfully recorded that the Bears had defeated the Green Bay Packers. But then some inspired chronicler tacked on another sentence. It read: "It was a very fine game."



Don Hutson, former Alabama star and end for the Green Bay Packers with Cecil Isbell after the 1940 All-Star Game. Right: Coach Steve Owen of the New York Giants has brought a lot to pro football. With him are Frank Filchock, Bill Edwards and Frank Liebel (from left).



The Halas heart did a flippity-flop when he read it. Recognition had come at long last.

But that was some 30 years ago when George Halas served the Chicago Bears as press agent, equipment manager, trainer, ticket taker, star end, captain, coach and owner. Now the Papa Bear is merely the coach and owner.

No longer does he scratch and claw for a bare existence. His Bears have led him to wealth, position and eminence. No longer does he count newspaper notices by the line. He counts them by the yard—if he even bothers to count them. A \$15 calliope rental wouldn't faze him these days. If he needed one, which he doesn't, he could buy a brand new one without noticing it.

Perhaps nothing better illustrates the way professional football has grown to handsome maturity than the story of George Halas. He was one of its pioneers and now he has become one of its elder statesmen. As a charter member of the National Football League he has seen it

expand and reach such heights of strength and popularity that the "play-for-pay" game now rates as the most phenomenal development of the present sporting scene.

It has grown in financial stability until it does a five-million-dollar business annually (\$5,212,107) and entertains almost two million paying customers (1,970,541). There is just no way of estimating the number of fans who watched last year's championship play-off game between the Los Angeles Rams and the Cleveland Browns, a magnificent thriller which provided the first coast-to-coast television show the sport has had. Maybe it was 10,000,000. Maybe it was twice that. Actually a precise count isn't important.

The important thing is that millions of people the country over were getting their first glimpse of professional football and were realizing for the first time what a wondrous spectacle it is, gridiron warfare waged to the hilt by supreme artists at the job who were providing the best

brand of football most of the viewers ever saw before in their lives.

The pros realize that they are in the entertainment business and every effort is geared in that direction. In the beginning they adopted intercollegiate rules but then veered away from every phase of the code which led to stogginess or dullness. After a while the tail was soon wagging the dog. The collegians began copying the pros.

The "play-for-pay" boys broke away from the collegiate rule that forward passes had to be thrown from at least five yards behind the scrimmage line. They permitted passes from as little as one inch behind. The collegians soon followed suit. The pros eliminated a touch-back on an incomplete pass into the end zone on fourth down. So did the colleges. The pros, hard hit by manpower shortages during the war, boldly went in for two platoon football. They liked it and kept it. The colleges soon did the same.

But the colleges still haven't followed
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Bob Waterfield, of Los Angeles Rams, picks up three yards the hard way during 1951 play-off with Cleveland Browns.

Wide World photos

BLOOD *campaign success story*



Former heavy-weight boxing champion Max Baer, center, participated in the blood campaign of Sacramento, Calif., Lodge when 602 pints were collected. At left is E.R. Jack Kincaid, right, Chairman Jack Van Alstyne. The ring star's radio program was broadcast outside the lodge home.



Trenton, Mo., Lodge hummed with activity during the mobile unit visit.



Above: Boise, Ida., Lodge's campaign came to a spectacular climax with a record-breaking collection for the city. Here, Exalted Ruler Ollie Pittman, left, congratulates Mrs. Betty Goodloe, the day's 400th donor, and Carl T. Midby whose donation was the 2667th against the lodge's 2600-pint quota.

SPEAKING before the delegates to the Grand Lodge in New York City in July, Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis reported on the Order's magnificent response to his plea for blood for our Armed Forces. Although all final reports from his District Deputies on this particular project were not complete, Mr. Davis revealed that within an eight-month period a total of 561,224 pints of blood had been recruited; this figure includes the nearly 150,000 pledged for donation as soon as the Red Cross Bloodmobiles are available to collect them.

"That is the achievement of just eight months of effort," Mr. Davis commented, "and that is not the end of it. Hundreds of lodges, having been alerted to the vital role that blood plays in saving life, and having learned how they can serve our country by organizing blood donor programs in their communities, plan to continue this magnificent work."

During this eight-month period your Magazine has published several feature stories on the blood-recruiting programs of the subordinate lodges, taken from material they submitted to us; this is another such feature.

In preparing this report, we are unable to find the space in which to publish all the photographic contributions, descriptive of these many fine programs, which we have on hand. Besides those we have included on these pages we have similar submissions from Adams and Lawrence, Mass., Lodges, Elizabeth and Rutherford, N. J., Klamath Falls, Ore., Geneva, N. Y., and Pottsville, Pa., all of which reflect the splendid effort and determination of Elksdom to make this project a success.

In his report to the National Convention, Mr. Davis listed the 119 lodges which had reached, or surpassed, their quotas, commenting particularly on two of the smallest branches of the Order—Paris, Tenn., and Menominee, Mich., both of which collected over 400 per cent of their quotas. Raleigh, N. C., and Evanston, Ill., Lodges gave three times the amount they were requested to donate; Medford, Ore., Lodge surpassed its quota by 270 per cent, and the Dillon, Mont., Walla Walla, Wash., and Pen Yan, N. Y., Elks doubled theirs.

Two of the lodges which achieved their goal, and more, and which have sent us photographic material on their campaigns which is not included here are Norwich, N. Y., whose Exalted Ruler, George Byrne, gave the 784th pint of blood, the ninth over its quota, and Idaho Falls, Ida., whose goal of 1,453 pints was increased by nearly 500 pints in three visits made there by the Bloodmobile. Under the Chairmanship of Dr. F. E. Wallber, this lodge was the first in the State to fill its quota.

We have a few interesting editorial comments from several other branches of the Order which made their quotas—Ellwood

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Below: Fort Myers, Fla., Lodge, one which made its quota in the drive, turned its home over to the collectors. Here are E.R. B. L. Pinkston, Club Mgr. Clayton Atchison, Committeeman George Thrall and Chairman William Wiggins, P.E.R., with donors and Red Cross mobile unit workers.





Left: Elks of Everett, Mass., watch non-Elk Mayor Philip Crowley make his donation in the lodge's blood campaign.

Below: Some of the members of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge are pictured making their donations at one of the four mobile unit visits at the lodge home and others await their turn.



Below: One of the most elaborate programs, put on by Greenville, S. C., Lodge under the leadership of Kenneth B. Miles, included a spectacular parade, replete with message-bearing floats, bands, civic officials and the military.



Above: E.R.-elect Robert L. Ragsdale and his wife make their blood donation at the home of Lebanon, Ore., Lodge, another quota-reacher. In the background is Elk Gordon Allen, Pres. of Radio Station KGAL, tape-recording the donors' comments for later broadcasting.

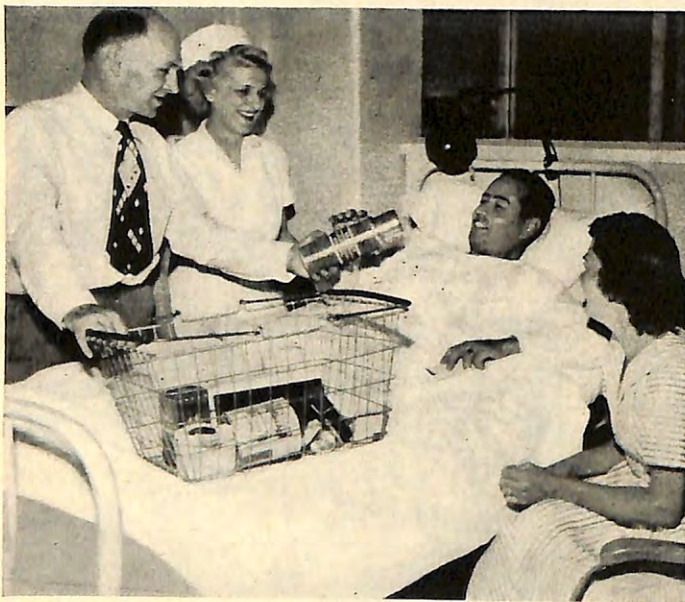
Below: Seated is E.R. M. J. Smith, with his Blood Bank Committee, the day the mobile unit visited New Castle, Ind., Lodge and collected 199 pints of blood.



Above: At the Grand Opening of the 32nd Annual Elks National Bowling Tournament in South Bend, Ind., Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, third from left, foreground, received a packet containing pledges of blood offered by 451 of the 520 keglers who participated in the first weekend's bowling. Others in the foreground are, Assn. Secy. E. N. Quinn, Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger, Assn. Pres., Assn. Treas. J. F. Krizek, host E.R.-elect Lewis C. Gerber and E.R. Albert L. Flack, Jr., and Assn. Committeeman Dave Brown; second row; local Tourney Mgr. George Tschida, Assn. Committeeman Wm. Dolan, Robert L. DeHority, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman, and local Tourney General Chairman Robert Bonnell.



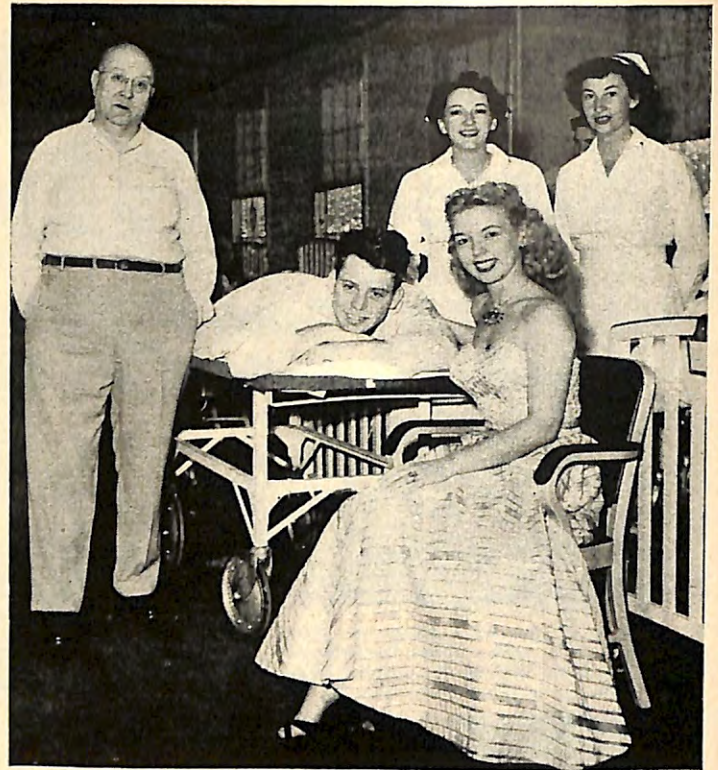
**ELKS
NATIONAL
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On Gift Night, personal visits were made to the rooms of patients at the Veterans Hospital in Boise in a program sponsored by the Idaho Elks Association. Pictured here are, left to right: Veterans Committee Chairman W. N. Young, Mrs. Ella Klein, R.N., patient Dana Baker and his wife.



Blind war veterans pictured carrying the fish they caught on a deep-sea fishing trip sponsored by the Elks Committee of Biloxi, Miss., Lodge.



Chairman R. A. Traver of the Calif. Elks Veterans Service Committee, left, with nurses, a patient and one of the young ladies who entertained at the Camp Pendleton Hospital under the aegis of the So. Dist. Elks.



Servicemen receive a ward visit from Kentucky Elks and entertainers.



Fort Jackson servicemen, including Korean veterans, and Junior Hostesses enjoy an oyster roast at the Columbia, S. C., Elks Fraternal Center.

ROD AND GUN

With his change of pace and size, the mourning dove is a tricky target.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD



SEVERAL years ago, one of my best friends decided to take up hunting. Circumstances always had prevented it before—even though his interest was intense—and finally, in his late thirties, both money and leisure to fulfill his lifelong desire were available. Immediately, he bought a shotgun and the customary accoutrement.

This was in the spring. The first open season to come along was the one on mourning doves, and that was his initiation. We had wonderful shooting that year. There were millions of doves in the country, and a sizable proportion of them roosted on a wooded island in the river. Beginning about 40 minutes before sunset—the end of legal shooting time—these birds began to flock to roost.

The bank along the stream at this point was approximately 100 feet high. It sloped steeply to the water. We concealed ourselves along the rim and took the birds as they came in. Nothing could have been more sporting nor, I might add, more difficult for a man just learning the art of wing shooting.

Some doves came toward us low over the fields, dodging and twisting, scarcely six feet off the ground. When they cleared the bank they set their wings and pitched down 200 yards to the island, rocketing as only a dove can rocket. Others came in high, maybe as much as 60 yards up before they cut loose all holds and came careening down.

Still others flew back and forth along the edge, apparently undecided whether to go to bed or not. Then, too, there always were a few in the air that had left the roost and were headed back toward the fields. They provided climbing shots.

Dove shooting may not be so difficult when all the birds fly approximately the same. But here on the river bank we had all kinds of shots—up and down, right and left, fast and slow, near and far. Thus we might empty the right barrel at a bird pitching down at 70 miles an hour and instantly shoot the other at a dove

climbing in the other direction, at half the range, and not going a third so fast.

And it was fast. We had 40 minutes from the time the doves first appeared until we had to quit. It was no trick at all to finish a couple of boxes of shells in that time—provided we didn't get lucky and down our ten birds first.

So this was my friend's introduction to the sport of wing shooting. The first evening, he brought a couple of boxes of shells and fired them all, and he didn't turn a feather. He did a little better the next day. He was more experienced, and faster. He shot away three boxes, but he still didn't get a bird.

Along about the sixth or seventh evening of persistent effort, still without success, the rest of us began to feel sorry for him. After all, the good shots were getting their ten doves out of a box of shells, and sometimes even less, and the rest of us ordinarily didn't require more than 40 or 50 shots. But Frank by now had gone through more than half a case of ammunition and he had yet to hit a dove. If his initial flush of enthusiasm had abated somewhat, however, he didn't allow the cooling off to show.

Perhaps I should also mention that there was still one other thing to make this shooting even more difficult and sporting. Thousands of robins also roosted on the island, and they followed the same route coming in as the doves. Thus every bird to fly over was not fair game.

You had to make sure before pulling the trigger that you were swinging the muzzle ahead of a legal target.

Finally, the last day of the season came. We gathered at the appointed time, and the doves were with us. The shooting was hot and fast, and once more my friend tried and tried in vain. It was almost sunset and time to quit when our ears were suddenly rent by a strident and triumphant shout. Frank was standing in his blind, holding his gun in one hand and pointing with the other. A bird, obviously wing tipped, was fluttering down.

It angled away from the bank, falling lower and lower with every wing beat, and finally landed in the river, 40 feet from shore. With a cry of dismay, Frank dropped his gun and charged down the slope, crashing through brush and weeds and stripping his clothes off as he ran. He reached the water's edge, completed his disrobing by the simple expedient of ripping off any still-protesting buttons, and plunged into the stream.

He swam strongly after his departing bird. He overtook it, seized it and swam back against the current. Then he stood, naked and dripping, beside his ruined clothing to examine the tangible proof that he, at long last, was a wing shot to reckon with.

His audience was breathless. We expected a wild yell of gratification. The sun was setting; the season was over. He

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Mourning dove drawing by Donald F. Moss



News of the Lodges



These distinguished Florida Elks were participants in the Silver Anniversary of Cocoa, Fla., Lodge. Left to right: State Secy. James J. Fernandez; State Pres. Victor Wehle; Past Pres. Cullen Talton; Chairman W. A. Wall of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee; P.D.D. M. R. Buckalew, Jr., M.C.; Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz; Rev. Fr. Daniel Hegarty; Past Pres. Walter Matherly; 24-year Secy. H. A. Thompson, General Chairman, and Senior Past State Pres. Howard Davis

Cocoa, Fla., Lodge Scene of Important Meeting

The home of Cocoa Lodge No. 1532 was the scene of the first meeting of the Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Trust Fund Trustees, appointed at the recent State Convention. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz was elected Chairman of the group which includes W. A. Wall as 1st Vice-Chairman; Chelsie J. Senerchia, 2nd Vice-Chairman; Claude L. Johnson, Treas.; James J. Fernandez, Secy. ex-officio, and Robert L.

Bohon. Walter J. Matherly and Cullen H. Talton. It is the Trustees' duty to administer the proposed three-million-dollar endowment fund now being raised for the support of the Harry-Anna Hospital in Umatilla.

Union City Elks Give Old Folks a New Look on Father's Day

A departure from the usual, and a very heartwarming one, was this year's observance of Father's Day by Union City, N. J., Lodge, No. 1357. A delegation of

30 members, led by Walter Peters, visited the Fritz Reuter Altenheim and Old People's Home, presenting entertainment, refreshments and gifts to the male guests of both institutions, with a small remembrance for each lady resident. This was the first time any special thought had been given to such a celebration there, and the 106 old people who live at these Homes derived a great deal of pleasure from it.

"Aidmore" Benefits from Ga. Four-Lodge Golf Tourney

The Golf Tournament conducted by the four lodges in the Atlanta, Ga., District earned the healthy sum of \$6,000 for the Ga. Elks Crippled Children's Hospital at "Aidmore". The final figures, as reported by General Chairman Roy Darden, established an all-time record for a golf match of this nature. This tourney is the first in which the lodges of Atlanta, Buckhead, Cascade, and Decatur participated jointly.

Plans are already under way for a repeat performance next year, which will feature top-flight names. Mr. Darden will again take charge.

Neb. Elks Bowling Tourney Has Record Turn-Out

The 12th Annual Neb. State Elks Bowling Tournament at Grand Island this year broke all records in its 11-year history. Of the State's 21 lodges, 19 were represented in the 104 five-man team entry,



E.R. James J. Burks stands behind three long-time members of Birmingham, Ala., Lodge, left to right: P.E.R. John W. Allen, 52-years an Elk; Herbert J. Baum, 44 years, and P.E.R. Dr. John W. Perkins, 52 years.



This beautiful float, planned and built by the members of Port Townsend, Wash., Lodge, was greeted with admiring applause during the city's Rhododendron Festival, winning the Grand Sweepstakes award.

221 pairs in the doubles and 440 single keglers, with every lodge having at least one bowler return home with a prize.

The team champions were the OKay Farm and Motor Co. group from Kearney; the doubles winners were Bill Oltmanns and Art Olson of Scottsbluff and the singles title was taken by another Scottsbluff Elk, Charles Haddad. Ray Gruber of Nebraska City won all-events honors.

Chairman Herb Baker of Beatrice and Co-Chairman R. E. Townsend of Grand Island have handled these matches since their inception in 1941 when 23 teams participated.

Ashland, Ore., Elks Honor Junior Gunners

Twenty-seven Junior Gun Club members received individual medals of achievement at a special program held by Ashland Lodge No. 944.

Ken Dye was awarded a cup for hitting the highest score, and another cup went to runner-up John Neeley. The National Riflemen's Assn. award was presented to Gary Hanson for his outstanding co-operation and assistance to the club.

Ashland Lodge sponsors this activity, providing ammunition and instructors to give the local youngsters valuable personal experience in the safe handling of firearms.

New Jersey Elksdom Welcomes New Lodge at Livingston

Over 350 Elks from the District's 16 lodges turned out to see Livingston Lodge No. 1855 come into being. The second branch of the Order to be instituted in that State in as many decades started life with a Charter Member list of 75, led by William F. McChesney as Exalted Ruler.

Assisting D.D. William V. F. Evans in conducting the ceremonies were Grand Treas. William J. Jernick, State Assn. Pres. Joseph P. O'Toole and Vice-Pres. Joseph V. Pagano, and P.D.D.'s A. F.



The dispensation for Oregon's newest lodge in Florence is presented by Special Deputy C. B. Mudd, second from left, to E.R. John Sampson and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, left, and P.D.D.'s Earl Newbry, Secy. of State, and Frank Hise, member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, fourth and fifth from left, look on. The lodge started with 262 Charter Members.

Polite, Jack Deeny, Orville Meslar, J. J. Marion, Wm. E. Kennedy, Frank Fisher, Fletcher W. Fritts and W. H. Ely.

Greybull, Wyo., Lodge Reports Variety of Activities

The nine-man band of Greybull Lodge No. 1431 was the sensation of the Days of '49 parade, part of the city's annual rodeo celebration. The musicians, riding on twin fertilizing machines, loaned by E. T. Foe and Sons, whose owners are all Elks, won the cash prize for the most unusual float. The '49er Queen, Miss Vivian Myers, wore a handsome Western outfit provided by No. 1431.

This Band, directed by Est. Loyal Knight Fred L. Gould, who also edits the lodge's new monthly bulletin, played during the Wyo. VFW State Convention at Cody, and appeared at the Sheridan,

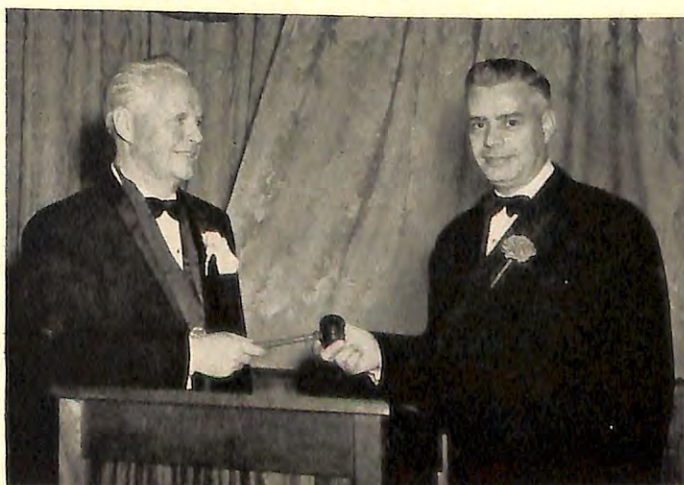
Wyo., Rodeo, the Central Wyo. Fair in Casper and the Cody Stampede, one of the oldest recognized rodeos in the United States.

Greybull Lodge's Walking Blood Bank had the opportunity to prove its worth after being in effect only a month; a tick fever victim, the son of a deceased Elk, received four transfusions through the lodge's blood typing program which has each member carry his blood type on his membership card for emergency use. Copies of the lists are on file with every doctor and hospital within lodge jurisdiction.

Another item of interest is the visit made by officers and members of No. 1431 to Cody Lodge where the Greybull Elk leaders initiated a class for their hosts who returned the compliment in full a few weeks later.



These young diamond stars are sponsored by North Platte, Neb., Lodge. In foreground at right is E.R. John Becher; at left, Coach Tony Guzman.



D.D. William V. F. Evans, right, hands the gavel of office to Exalted Ruler William McChesney of the newly-instituted Livingston, N. J., Lodge.



Two of Claremont, N. H., Lodge's three surviving Charter Members, Fred E. Coy, left, and Harry T. Eaton, third from left, were honored at a special ceremony. Second from left is E.R. John Goggin; right, T. J. Townsend.



E.R. John D. Ayer presents Newark, N. Y., Lodge's \$400 scholarship to Marcia Fritz. At the same ceremony, Mr. Ayer presented the 1951 winner, Robert Cowles, with his second \$400.



A view of the 50th Anniversary Dinner of Hudson, N. Y., Lodge.

Hudson, N. Y., Elks Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Not long ago Hudson Lodge No. 787 observed its 50th Anniversary with a banquet attended by 360 members. Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall was the principal speaker, and guests of honor included Charter Members G. A. Miller, E. J. Rossman, Homer Luff and Willard Holsapple.

During the program a \$1,250 check was presented to Chairman Wise of the Fund-Raising Campaign Committee for the Columbia Memorial Hospital by Treas. M. J. Degnan of Hudson Lodge.

Among the dignitaries on hand were Past District Deputies Peter A. Buchheim, Homer Tessier, Ernest L. Tinklepaugh and Paul Smoyer and State Vice-Pres. Joseph Wallock.



Children from the Williamsburg Orphans Home are pictured with General Chairman Ralph I. Cummings, E.R. Earl T. Blair and other members of Altoona, Pa., Lodge as they started out for their picnic.

North Attleboro, Mass., Elks Take Little Leaguer Cake

The members of North Attleboro Lodge No. 1011 are firmly convinced that their Little League program is the best in the State. In their argument they offer as clinchers the fact that there are 14 teams in action, each playing two games every week; besides that, they have an intramural group of 10-, 11- and 12-year-old boys who play every Saturday—all of which keep 250 youngsters active and the nearly 35 adults in charge well-nigh exhausted.

In its second year of operation, the program has cost the Elks well over \$2,000 with never a word of complaint. The Elks' program is about the only one in the vicinity with a league devoted exclusively to eight- and nine-year-old boys; this group has six teams with 16 players each.

No. 1011 has donated a new filter machine to the town's swimming pool and gives free use of its buildings to the Little Leaguers, the Pony League, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and other similar groups.



Headed by E.R. George E. Byrne, the N. Y. State Championship Ritualistic Team of Norwich Lodge, seated, with the 83 candidates they initiated for Oneonta Lodge whose officers stand in front row.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



IN THIS, my first message to my Brother Elks, I first wish to reiterate my appreciation and gratitude for the great honor you have bestowed upon me in my election to the high office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

My first interest this year is in the Youth of America as outlined in my acceptance speech in New York City. Our responsibility to the Youth of this country, the leaders of tomorrow, does not cease with our scholarship, Crippled Children and subordinate lodge youth programs. We should ever be on the watch for new activities that may help and aid these future leaders of tomorrow.

Secondly, but of equal importance, is the establishment of new lodges, the rebuilding of membership in old lodges so that the membership of Elkdom will reach an all-time high.

It is my hope that when I turn the reins of office over to my successor, our Order will have increased even beyond my expectations; that member participation in all the subordinate lodge activities will have increased to a new high.

I know of no better way to inculcate the principles of CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY than through the increasing of our membership, ever keeping in mind the careful scrutiny of those seeking admission to our rolls.

To this end I dedicate myself and have adopted a limited schedule for visitations, feeling I can best contribute something to our Order by close attention to the business side of Elkdom and assist all lodges, new or old, in the promoting of a normal, healthy expansion.

I hope to give you the kind of leadership you desire; also that you as individual Elks will participate in the furthering of the growth of our great organization.

My Brothers, such activities as the Blood Program sponsored by P.G.E.R. Davis, which was of immeasurable value to the Armed Forces of our country, shows what our membership can do when called upon. We all should ever be ready to aid and assist in any program for the good and the welfare of our country. We as individuals, as well as Elks, should always have the welfare of our country uppermost in our hearts.

SAM STERN
GRAND EXALTED RULER

News of the State Associations

SOUTH DAKOTA

Nearly 700 persons, including 23 from other States, were registered for the 43rd Annual Convention of the So. Dak. Elks Assn. in Sioux Falls June 7, 8 and 9. The featured speaker at the public Memorial Services was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner.

A highlight of the conclave was a tour of the Crippled Children's School and Hospital by lodge leaders, Assn. officials and guests who were served a delicious dinner following which State Pres. Max Richmond presented a \$5,000 check to the Hospital to purchase the Assn.'s gift of a hydro-therapy pool. Another \$2,228.10 was donated toward the completion of a doctor's examining room, and the securing of a whirlpool bath and laboratory. A total of \$8,000.70 was given to the institution by this organization, a sum raised in the So. Dak. lodges on the occasions of the State President's visits, while \$600 was turned over to the Hot Springs Children's Hospital. It was decided that this will be a continuing, concentrated project of the Assn., and that help for spastic

children would be of paramount importance. Each evening buffet suppers were served to the Conventioneers who were thrilled by an exciting exhibition put on for them by the Sioux Falls Motorcycle Patrol on the 8th. Fred Hecker of Sioux Falls won the individual golf championship over 44 other contenders, while the Brookings Elks' team of Stafford Steen, Lorne Bartling, A. Moritz and Ivan Steen took the team title, competing with nine other groups. In the trapshoot Roy Dow of Rapid City captured the All-Events honors; Walter Schmidt of Sioux Falls, the singles, and Ted Arp of Sioux Falls, the handicap event. The Team Singles plaque in the shoot was won by the Mitchell entry. Rapid City Lodge's team won the Ritualistic Contest over Yankton and Brookings, later initiating the Convention Class.

The 1952-53 leaders of the Assn. are: Pres., Elza Anderson, Mitchell; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Max Richmond, Sioux Falls; Vice-Presidents: (No.) Fred

Green, Brookings; (So.) Carl Olson, Yankton; (W.), Elmer Essington, Rapid City; Secy., Ross E. Case, Watertown; Treas., for the 19th term, Merle M. Korte, Aberdeen; Trustee for five years, Martin Cogley, Sioux Falls; Chaplain, Rev. Carl Locke, Rapid City.

Aberdeen will be host to this Convention in 1953.

MAINE

The Elks of Waterville were hosts to 150 delegates on hand for the Convention of the Maine State Assn. Special guests at the three-day meeting included Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, principal speaker at the Convention banquet, Chairman Edward A. Spry of the Youth Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, Grand Trustee Thomas Brady and Gov. Frederick A. Payne.

Over \$1,000 was spent during the year by these Elks to assist crippled children at the Hyde Home in Bath and
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The Salisbury Team which won the No. Car. Ritualistic Contest the third consecutive time to take permanent possession of the David Sholtz Trophy. Left to right: Candidate John Lawson, Lead. Knight L. C. Parks, Esq. H. L. Thompson, E.R. J. R. Jones, Loyal Knight Fletcher Cauble, Inner Guard G. L. Lynch, Chaplain A. E. Chambers, Lect. Knight Edward Lewis.



P.E.R. H. M. Randall of Salem, former Chairman of the Oregon Elks Assn.'s Program for the Visually Handicapped, pictured at the recent State Convention with two of the hundreds of youngsters who have received assistance through this very fine project.

Las Vegas Elks are very proud of their Ritualistic Team which holds the New Mexico title. Left to right: Inner Guard A. T. Devine, Est. Lect. Knight J. M. Oakes, Lead. Knight L. C. Rogers, E.R. D. B. Gerdeman, Loyal Knight A. P. Nichol, Esq. Ray Angel, Jr., Chaplain W. H. Drake.





Above: Bonnie Engblom "Miss San Jose", and her ladies-in-waiting, Adrienne Bartolini and Pauline Deck, hand the Flag which flew from the side of the lead plane of a fleet of 15 which roared over the San Jose, Calif., Elks' Flag Day parade route, to Air Force Reserve Capt. Bob Locks, a member of the lodge and Chairman of the Military Participation Committee.

We Salute Old Glory



Right: The Ishpeming, Mich., Elks Chorus, photographed as they sang patriotic airs during their lodge's fine program.

ONCE AGAIN the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge has selected a group of nine lodges whose Flag Day Services revealed outstanding planning and execution. It is interesting to note that the majority of these programs followed the same pattern. Many were preceded by proclamations issued by the Mayors of the communities, and in one instance, the Governor issued a State-wide proclamation. A great number of lodges organized excellent parades in which the Scouts, American Legion and other civic groups, as well as the military, participated.

There was extensive radio coverage, and much well-planned promotional publicity—in one community every resident received a personal invitation. The programs included prominent speakers, many of whom were men of high standing in

public or military life; a few lodges were fortunate enough to secure former Grand Exalted Rulers as their speakers.

It is significant that the largest number of entries came from those lodges of less than 500 members, indicating that the patriotic heart of our country beats deeply in the small town. In this group, first-place honors were awarded to Ishpeming, Mich., Lodge whose open-air services, conducted by E.R. B. R. Maloney and participated in by Negaunee Lodge, took place in a lovely rock garden. Preceded by a parade, the ceremony featured the construction of a Floral Bell of Liberty by the officers of both lodges.

In the 500-to-1,000 membership class, the well-planned, and unrehearsed ceremony conducted by Kittanning, Pa., Lodge was the Committee's unanimous choice for the third consecutive time.

This evening program was highlighted by the display of a clock 12 feet in diameter, with the face of a nine-year-old child at the numeral for each hour. At a signal, all lights were extinguished and the hour of eleven struck; with every note, the face of a child was illuminated by a flashlight which the youngster held behind the clock's face. It is the lodge's custom to honor some branch of the military each year; this year it was the Navy and the stage was made in the form of a ship's hull so lighted as to give the effect of a ship at sea. Chairman F. Alec Benton secured as the speaker on this occasion Branch Rickey, manager and part owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

When it came to lodges of over 1,000 members, the Committee picked another two-time winner, San Jose, Calif. A seven-division parade, including Army, Navy and Air Force bands and color guards, an Arabian stallion, a group of 12 Shetland ponies mounted by costumed youngsters of grade-school and kindergarten age, preceded the ceremony. Prior to the parade a fleet of planes flew over the city distributing leaflets describing the program. Awards were given for the best displays and floats in each division, and Parade Chairman Louis Rossi announced over a PA system the various units as they passed the reviewing stand from which Vice-Adm. Thomas B. Inglis, USN Ret., a Pacific War hero, made his address.

The second- and third-class winners in the three groups can only be listed here, because of space limitations—in Group I, they are Lancaster, Pa., and Alliance, Ohio; Group II, Visalia, Calif., and Owatonna, Minn.; Group III, Wau-seon, Ohio, and Irvington, N. J.



Marching smartly along the crowded streets, this handsomely uniformed group was one of the many units that thrilled thousands of Kittanning, Pa., citizens who witnessed the Elks parade there.



NEW YORK, JULY, 1952

OVER 3,000 Elks, their ladies and the public were in attendance at the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York when the Public Session of the 88th Grand Lodge Convention opened Sunday evening, July 13th. As the program started, the officers of the Grand Lodge entered the ballroom and were escorted to their seats by the famous Drill Team of Lancaster, Pa., lodge. With Mr. William A. Kennedy leading, accompanied by Lee O'Rourke, the audi-

ence joined in singing the "Star-Spangled Banner". Grand Esquire Frank D. O'Connor, Presiding Officer at the Opening Meeting and a member of Queens Borough, N. Y., lodge, delivered the opening remarks welcoming the Elks and their ladies to New York for the Convention. Rev. Father James E. King, Grand Chaplain, then gave the opening prayer.

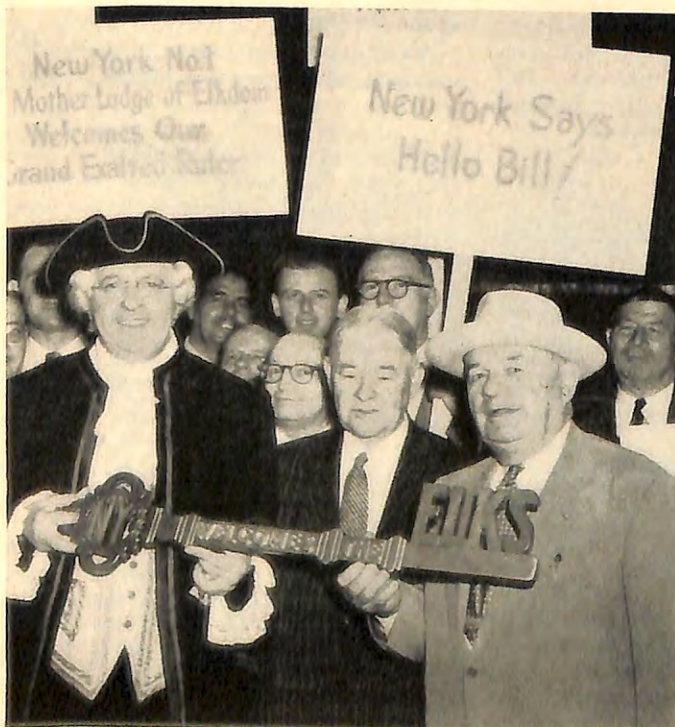
The Hon. Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor of the City of New York, was

present and welcomed the Elks to his great city. "It is my good fortune and treasured privilege to be enrolled in the great fraternity of Elkdom as a member of the Mother Lodge, New York Lodge No. 1. So, I speak not only as Mayor of New York, but as a brother united with you in an American fellowship dedicated in service to God, to country and to mankind", said Mayor Impellitteri in his welcoming address.

After the welcoming address, Leona May Smith, well-known cornet soloist of New York, played two numbers beautifully. She was accompanied by her husband, George F. Seuffert. Continuing the musical part of the program, George Britton, the star of the famous musical comedy "South Pacific", gave vocal selections.

Hon. James A. Farley, former Postmaster General and Past Exalted Ruler of Haverstraw, N. Y., lodge, gave a brief, but effective, inspirational address. After this, one of the particularly outstanding parts of this Opening Session took place when the renowned Hanover, Pa., Elks Male Chorus sang selections under the direction of Paul F. Worcester.

Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis then gave the keynote address of the meeting. "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is distinctively American, and in proof thereof we place the Stars and Stripes first upon our altars", said Mr. Davis. "No other fraternal organization has been more diligent or more aggressive in combatting both ideological dangers and subversive influences that threaten this beloved land of ours. We can say that no other fraternal organiza-



Father Knickerbocker presenting a 3-foot "Key to the City" to Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis as he arrived in New York. Looking on is Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, who headed the reception committee of city officials and local BPOE officers.

tion is making a greater contribution to this America of Tomorrow. As an Order we are grateful for the privilege of service to our nation and to our fellowmen and we are equally thankful for the opportunities that challenge the best there is in us for the future opportunities I feel sure we shall be certain to embrace", the

Grand Exalted Ruler said. After Mr. Davis concluded his address, the entire gathering rose and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, with James A. Gunn, President of the New York State Elks Association, leading. Mr. Kennedy sang "God Bless America" and this notable Opening Public Session then closed.

Exalted Ruler thanked his many friends in the Pennsylvania State Elks Association for the beautiful basket of flowers which they had presented to him and which was placed on the platform.

The following members of the Board of Grand Trustees were escorted to the platform and were introduced: D. E. Lambourne, Thomas J. Brady, Fred L. Bohn, Nick H. Feder and Arthur M. Umlandt.

Dewey E. S. Kuhns from Charleston, W. Va., Lodge, No. 202, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, then gave his preliminary report, stating that 2,054 delegates were in attendance.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

WITH a large gathering of delegates filling the floor and the two balconies of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel ballroom, the First Business Session of the 88th Grand Lodge Convention was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 14th, by Grand Esquire Frank D. O'Connor, a member of Queens Borough Lodge No. 878. The Championship Drill Team from Lancaster, Pa., then escorted Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis and Grand Lodge Officers into the meeting hall, after which the Grand Esquire escorted the Chair Officers to their stations.

The delegates then stood and sang our National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne", after which Grand Chaplain, Rev. Father James E. King, delivered a prayer. The Grand Exalted Ruler then declared the meeting duly in session. The famous Elk Choruses from Hanover and York, Pa., from their stations in the balconies on opposite sides of the ballroom sang and were heartily applauded by the delegates. Next, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, in a stirring manifestation of Elk patriotism, was escorted to the platform by a guard of four Marines carrying a Flag which was presented to Grand Exalted Ruler Davis.

Making the presentation, Mr. Grakelow said, "On June 14th, Flag Day, this flag was unfurled and flown and on the completion of that day was lowered and sent here by this escort with a request from the government that it find a resting place in our archives, to be used by the Grand Lodge whenever it is deemed advisable. May this flag wave time and again as an encouragement to its citizenry and demand the respect that we Elks feel for it."

Officers Introduced

The Hon. James A. Farley was escorted to the platform, after which the Grand Lodge Officers were introduced. The Grand Exalted Ruler thanked them for the help they had given him during his year in office. Following this, the delegates stood in silence for a few minutes in meditation for late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin.

The Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Sessions were introduced to the delegates who extended them a warm, standing ovation.

In attendance were: James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill.,

Lodge, No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo., Lodge, No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge, No. 556; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878; David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1141; Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, No. 53; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge, No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142; Robert S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28; Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge, No. 209; L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., Lodge, No. 1345; George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515; Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge, No. 174 and Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152.

After these introductions the Grand

Memorial Resolution

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley offered a resolution that a Committee of three be appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable Memorial for late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin. This was adopted unanimously. The following members of the Grand Forum then were introduced: John E. Mullen, Providence, R. I., lodge; Henry S. Lindsley, Denver, Colo., lodge; John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., lodge, and John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., lodge. Chief Justice S. D. McKinnon, Miles City, Mont., lodge, was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

The customary introductions of Brothers from distant lodges then were made. In attendance were members from the Panama Canal Zone (Balboa) and Cristobal, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Manila, Guam and Alaska. There was an exceptionally large delegation from Alaska. All these Brothers were warmly applauded.



Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis turns over the Badge of Office, with sincere congratulations and wishes, to Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Sam Stern.

ed for their interest and effort in coming so far to attend the Sessions.

The minutes of the 87th Grand Lodge Session in Chicago last July then were approved as printed in the official publication.

The Committee on Distribution was introduced, namely Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, Calif., lodge, Seth Billings, Provo, Utah, lodge, and George Thornton, Acting Secretary to Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and a member of Oak Park, Ill., lodge. The Grand Exalted Ruler announced that since his Report was submitted, these two dispensations had been granted: Stillwater, Oklahoma, Lodge No. 1859 and Bristol County (Warren) R. I., Lodge, No. 1860.

Blood Bank Report

Mr. Davis also supplemented his Report on the Blood Bank Program, stating, "Although reports are still missing from a few of my District Deputies, I am proud to be able to report to the Convention that in the eight-month period since this Program was instituted we have given a total of 412,680 pints of blood and we hold pledges for 150,000 additional pints, which will be collected as soon as Red Cross bloodmobiles can call for them. This makes a total of nearly 600,000 pints of blood that we have recruited to help save the lives of our fighting men since I first made this appeal to the lodges. Thanks to the hard work and loyal and devoted efforts of thousands of Elks, our Armed Forces Blood Campaign has succeeded tremendously."

Mr. Davis particularly commended lodges in the State of Washington for contributing 55,000 pints, which was 118 per cent over their quota. Idaho, Oregon, Minnesota, Vermont and North Carolina were also commended for their splendid efforts. Exalted Ruler Ray D. Anderson of Raleigh, North Carolina, lodge was asked to come to the platform to receive a Blood Certificate from the Grand Exalted Ruler, in recognition of the fact that his lodge exceeded its blood quota by more than 400 per cent. The Exalted Rulers of all lodges exceeding their quotas were awarded a Certificate at the Convention. A complete report on the blood program appears in this issue.

Grand Treasurer Reports

The Report of Grand Treasurer William J. Jernick of Nutley, New Jersey, lodge, was accepted as presented. Mr. Jernick particularly complimented Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters for the splendid assistance he had given him during the year. Next, the Auditing Committee filed its Report, which was approved unanimously. Members of the Committee submitting the Report were: James H. Mackin, Oswego, N. Y., lodge, Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., lodge, and Tom Burke, Lafayette, Ind., lodge. The Report of the Board of Grand Trustees was approved and D. E. Lambourne,

Chairman, of Salt Lake City, Utah, lodge, presented the preliminary budget of the Board.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis then appointed Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and James R. Nicholson and Past Exalted Ruler T. F. Werner of Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832, as the Memorial Committee for the Monument for Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, who was a member of Napa lodge.

President of the New York State Elks Association James A. Gunn was introduced and he welcomed the delegates to the Convention on behalf of 95 lodges and nearly 75,000 Elks in New York State. James P. Somerville, Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge No. 1, Mother Lodge of the Order, also extended a hearty welcome to Elks in attendance.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was appointed to the National Memorial and Publication Commission for a term of five years. Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis was appointed a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation for a term of seven years. J. Paul Kuhn was appointed to the Grand Forum for a term of five years. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton was appointed a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation to fill the unexpired term of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin.

Election of Officers

The next order of procedure was the election of officers. Hal Davies of Minot, N. D., Lodge, No. 1089, was recognized and nominated Sam Stern of Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260 for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. In a sincere and moving tribute to his friend of many years, James A. Farley, Past Exalted Ruler of Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge, No. 877, seconded the nomination of Mr. Stern. Ambassador to Nicaragua, Brother Thomas E. Whelan, Fargo, N. D., lodge also seconded the nomination of Mr. Stern, after

which the nominations were closed and the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Stern and he was declared duly elected. The delegates rose and gave him a standing ovation as he was escorted to the platform by Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, Ambassador Whelan, Mr. Farley, his brother William Stern and Dr. L. A. Marquisee, Exalted Ruler of Fargo lodge. After Mr. Stern came to the platform, he was extended one of the most stirring ovations in the history of the Grand Lodge. A large Elks Band from Great Falls, Mont., and the Washington, D. C., Elks Boys Band played and delegates marched through the ballroom bearing banners expressing their esteem for the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect. The Lancaster Drill Team also marched through the ballroom wearing their colorful uniforms of yellow and then Grand Exalted Ruler Davis introduced Mr. Stern to the delegates. Mr. Stern gave his Speech of Acceptance, which was printed in its entirety in our August issue.

After the ovation, the remaining elections of Grand Lodge Officers were conducted. The following officers were elected: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Robert S. Redington, Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge, No. 99; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Charles G. Hawthorne, Baltimore, Md., Lodge, No. 7; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Arthur L. Allen, Pueblo, Colo., Lodge, No. 90; Grand Inner Guard, Roy Yerby, Alexandria, La., Lodge, No. 546; Grand Tiler, W. L. Hill, Great Falls, Mont., Lodge, No. 214; Grand Secretary, J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge No. 494; Grand Treasurer, Edward A. Dutton, Savannah, Ga., Lodge, No. 183, and Grand Trustee, William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge, No. 1290.

After announcements by the Grand Esquire, the First Business Session was closed with a prayer by Grand Chaplain, Rev. Father James E. King.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

THIS meeting was called to order Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., by Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, after an invocation by the Grand Chaplain. The entire assemblage stood a few moments in silent tribute to F. J. Schrader, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, and member of Allegheny, Pa., Lodge, No. 339. Brother Schrader was in New York at the Grand Lodge registration desk when he became ill and he died early Tuesday morning. An obituary about him appears elsewhere in this issue. Grand Exalted Ruler Davis paid a moving tribute to this member of such high standing.

Next, Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, Calif., Chairman, submitted the report of the

Distribution Committee, which was approved unanimously.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, submitted his Report. A digest of it appeared in our August issue. After Mr. Campbell concluded his Report, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner made a presentation to him on behalf of Governor Wetherby of a Kentucky Colonelship.

The next order of procedure was the presentation of the Annual Report of the Elks National Foundation by its Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley. A digest of this Report appeared in our August issue. Presenting his Re-



Presenting the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Awards to the girl and boy winners, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, left, hands a \$900 check to Helen Kathrine McLin. Right, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson hands a check of an equal amount to Robert Ray Hillis.

port, Mr. Malley spoke about the important work the Foundation was doing in the field of cerebral palsy.

"There are too few people who are competent to staff the cerebral palsy clinics which are being established in various parts of the country and so the Foundation has made grants to capable people to send them to leading institutions all over the United States where they are trained in the modern techniques of cerebral palsy. We have sent away 75 people to be trained and many of them are now working at the clinics and intend to continue their work," Mr. Malley said.

Cerebral Palsy Work

Speaking to the Exalted Rulers at the Session, Mr. Malley said, "If there is anyone in your community who is competent to take up cerebral palsy work, and is ready to dedicate himself to it, he should get in touch with the Foundation office. We will send the form to be used in making the application and the grant will be made if the person is capable and desires to go to an institution where there is a proper training course. This work is largely detailed and development of the facts is done in our office, but the actual decisions as to the qualifications of the applicants are made by our Brother Trustee, Dr. Edward J. McCormick, who is not only outstanding in the Order of Elks but, as you probably know, is a man of great distinction in his profession. He is also the president-elect of the American Medical Association."

Mr. Malley urged attorneys to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the Foundation so that they could in good conscience advise clients of means to include gifts to the Foundation in their wills. The work of the Foundation is so worthy that many people would willingly do this, if they were acquainted with the high principles and good deeds of the Foundation. There are tax benefits to be considered and a gift to the Foundation is a

perpetual memorial to the benefactor. Only the income of the Principal Fund is used for the work of the Foundation. Furthermore, the Grand Lodge pays all operating costs of the Foundation so that the entire amount derived from interest is available for charitable work.

Continuing his Report, Mr. Malley stressed the importance of Exalted Rulers becoming acquainted with the Emergency Educational Fund of the Foundation. There were no applications during the year. Mr. Malley pointed out that one reason is that the Fund is not generally known. The purpose of the Fund is to provide for educating children of Elks who were either killed or incapacitated in World War II. If these children are college material, and if the parent is an Elk, the Order will take over and provide for the educational service that the parent is unable to furnish, Mr. Malley reported.

Next the presentations to the Elks National Foundation were made. First presentation was made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen.

Mr. Coen gave Mr. Malley a check for \$1,000 from Arthur L. Allen, Past Exalted Ruler of Pueblo, Colo., lodge, in payment of a Permanent Benefactor Certificate. This was the second contribution of \$1,000 made by Brother Allen in memory of his son who made the su-

preme sacrifice in the invasion of one of the Pacific Islands. "This check brings Colorado to the Fund in excess of \$85,000. By this time next year we hope to have it \$120,000," Mr. Coen said.

Exalted Ruler James J. Smith of Napa, Calif., lodge presented a check for \$1,000 in memory of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, who was a member of that lodge. Oregon City, Ore., lodge presented a check for \$100; Astoria, Ore., lodge a check for \$500 and Vallejo, Calif., lodge a check for \$1,000.

In honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, his District Deputies Association presented a check completing their Second Honorary Founders Certificate. Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall made a personal contribution of \$100 and Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell gave Mr. Malley a check for \$100 from a member of the Dallas lodge. Exalted Ruler Clyde Palmer of Mitchell, S. D., presented a check from the Past Exalted Rulers and past officers of that lodge in the amount of \$235. Cynthiana, Ky., lodge gave \$100.

What One Lodge Did

Exalted Ruler Bruce Marsh, Inglewood, Calif., lodge was invited to speak by Mr. Malley to show an example of what a lodge can do with an all-out drive. "Two weeks ago we called a meeting of 65 members of our lodge," Brother Marsh said. "We presented the program of our Foundation to them and asked if they would be interested in obtaining participating membership. We raised \$5,300, and that shows that it can be done."

Concluding his Report, Mr. Malley said, "We are hopeful that it will become the policy of every State Association, every lodge and every individual to make some contribution to the Foundation every year in accordance with their financial means. You do it in your community fund campaigns, you do it for the Red Cross. Here is your own fund, which is doing much to build up the Order of Elks in the good opinion of people both within and without our ranks, and we ask you to contribute."

Following Mr. Malley's Report, the Second Business Session closed at 10:45 a.m., in order to conduct the Annual Grand Lodge Memorial Services.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

BECAUSE the scholarship awards and the report of the Elks National Service Commission were to be made at the Third Business Session, Wednesday morning, July 16, it was declared an open meeting, and a large gathering of Elks and their ladies were in attendance. This meeting opened with a reading of congratulatory telegrams by Grand Esquire O'Connor. The telegrams were sent by

Millard Caldwell, FCEA Administrator, and Colonel Sydney G. Harnett, Grand Secretary of the Knights of Pythias.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis then supplemented his report, a digest of which appeared in our July issue, with remarks about the Elks Flood Relief Program in the Kansas River Valley. Nearly 1,200 lodges contributed to the Program, the total amount being a little more than

\$64,000. Most of this was spent in 12 cities and towns in the Valley, but the Grand Exalted Ruler said that there was \$11,860 left over from the lodge contributions. This was turned over to the National Emergency Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge. "We do not work alone," said Mr. Davis. "We work in conjunction with communal organizations. I am grateful to William Frasor, whom I sent to that section to make a survey, and I am also grateful to the various authorities for the work they carried on. Some of our people are still working, especially so far as children in the community are concerned."

The Grand Exalted Ruler related a personal experience he had at Florence, Kan., lodge when a little seven-year-old girl came in and personally expressed her deep appreciation of what the Elks had done for her family.

The report of the Elks National Foundation was continued by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, Chairman. Exalted Ruler Arthur J. Chadek, Milwaukee, Wis., lodge came to the platform and presented a scroll to Mr. Malley. It was signed by the entire membership of 109 Brothers in his lodge who became Participating Members of the Foundation in a special drive. District Deputy Arno J. Miller, Portage, Wis., lodge also participated in this presentation. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Malley thanked the Milwaukee lodge for the 100 per cent effort on behalf of the Foundation. Mr. Malley said that the scroll would be taken to Boston where it would be placed in the trophy room of the Foundation.

Scholarship Awards

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation, next came to the platform to make the annual supplemental report of the Foundation scholarship winners.

The awards ranged in value from \$900 for the First Award to awards of \$400 each. The entries were of a high level and only slight margins separated each contestant. This year there were several ties. A full report of the results of the awards appears in this issue, along with the 1953 Announcement.

Helen Katherine McLin, sponsored by Attleboro, Mass., lodge was winner of the girls' First Award and Robert Ray Hillis, sponsored by Lawton, Okla., lodge was winner of the First Award among boys. Both were present as guests of the Order. Each came to the platform and in warm and sincere words thanked the Elks for the valuable assistance they had tendered them towards furthering their education by giving them \$900-scholarship awards.

"We are pleased to announce that every State certified its full quota of applicants except one. This shows a great interest is being taken by the Elks in our scholarship program," Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson said. "We hope



The new National Ritualistic Championship Team from DeKalb, Ill. Left to right: Cal Gillen, George C. Olsen, Don A. Busse, George E. Black, L. R. Austin, Conrad A. Hallgren and John P. Ronan. The first-prize award to the new championship DeKalb Team was \$500 and a trophy.

every Exalted Ruler present will resolve to appoint a Scholarship Committee immediately and will see that our scholarship program is presented to the young people in the high schools and colleges within their respective jurisdictions."

Concluding, Mr. Thompson said, "The Trustees express appreciation for the great interest that has been shown in the work of the Foundation and for the support that has been given by the State Associations and lodges and the few individual members who have responded to our appeal for support. We urge that the nearly one million members to the Foundation join us in the great work to which they have dedicated the Elks by the establishment of the Foundation. The coming year is the Silver Anniversary of the Elks National Foundation and a substantial silver offering by all of the more than a million members of this great Order would be an appropriate celebration."

The next order of procedure was the Report of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission. This proved to be a highlight of the Convention, for a very dramatic program had been arranged.

The Commission's Goal

Opening the program, Judge Hallinan said, "Our goal is to help drive home in the minds and in the hearts of our American boys and girls who served in the war that, while they are patients in our veterans' hospitals endeavoring to be cured of their injuries, the Elks of America will never desert them. Committees were organized, consisting of our Brother Elks, their wives, daughters and sons, and these committees have gone into veterans' hospitals bringing hope, encouragement and entertainment. They have emphasized in the minds of the boys

and girls that there is room in America for them and when they are cured of their ailments they could come back home and become useful members of their communities. Therefore, my first words today are those of appreciation to my Brother Elks all over the United States and in our Possessions for the time and the effort they have given on behalf of our veterans' program."

Thanks to the Elks

John J. Whalen, Assistant Manager of the Veterans Hospital at Kingsbridge, New York, was introduced and spoke briefly. Mr. Whalen expressed his sincere appreciation for the community spirit shown by the Elks by their continual visits to his hospital to make it a more friendly place for the boys. "Elks who visit patients help make hospital life bearable for them," said Mr. Whalen.

After Mr. Whalen spoke a large delegation of California Elks, carrying rolls of leather, marched into the ballroom, accompanied by the Elks Band from Great Falls, Mont. Chairman Hallinan introduced Robert N. Traver, Ontario, Cal., lodge, State Chairman for the Commission since the close of World War II. On behalf of the 99 California lodges represented by the delegation on the ballroom floor, Brother Traver presented the leather, worth \$20,000, to Judge Hallinan, who in turn will give it to veterans hospitals in the East for use in therapy work. Brother Traver also presented Judge Hallinan with a leather belt which was a gift from a veteran of the Korean conflict.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis then introduced Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass., lodge, Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, for the purpose of presenting his report. A digest of this report appeared in our August issue. Mr. Spry introduced members of this Committee—J. H. Payne, Ann Arbor, Mich., lodge;

Russell L. Binder, Hackensack, N. J., lodge; Robert L. DeHority, Elwood, Ind., lodge, and A. F. Bray, Richmond, Calif., lodge. Chairman Spry spoke of the tremendous interest that Elks Lodges are showing in youth activities throughout the nation, and thanked them sincerely for the wholehearted support they had given the Committee. He then gave the Grand Exalted Ruler a special Youth Activities plaque in appreciation of his assistance during the year.

Exalted Ruler Allan Billington, Kelso, Wash., lodge, came to the platform and was presented with the fine National Championship trophy awarded each year to the lodge conducting the most outstanding youth program. The presentation was made by Committeeman Bray. Next, J. H. Payne awarded a fine tape recording machine to Brother C. J. Williams, President of the Colorado State Elks, for their outstanding state youth program. Past Grand Chaplain George L. Nuckolls, Gunnison, Colo., lodge was commended by Mr. Payne for his splendid work as chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of the Colorado State Elks Association.

Chairman Spry then made the 1952 Elks National Youth Leadership awards. Mary Lou Fanning, 17, of Miami, Ariz.,

was presented with \$400 in U. S. Savings Bonds, first prize in the competition for girls. Albert Henry Krapf, an 18-year-old boy from Brookline, Mass., also won top honors and received the same award in bonds as Miss Fanning. The awards were made on the basis of their records for leadership, citizen appreciation, perseverance, resourcefulness and sense of honor.

Robert L. DeHority made the remaining presentations in the Youth Leadership Contest to the Exalted Rulers of the lodges from which the winners were selected. Second prizes of \$300 in Savings Bonds were awarded to Robert Wayne King, Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Elizabeth Joan Geohegan, Birmingham, Ala. Third prizes of \$200 in Savings Bonds were awarded to Charles Moskos Jr., Albuquerque, N. M., and Nancy Ann Hirsch, Eau Claire, Wis. Mr. Spry then asked the judges in the contest to stand up and take a bow. They were Hon. John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., a member of the Committee on Judiciary and Hon. John E. Mullen, Providence, R. I., a Justice of the Grand Forum.

The report of the Committee was then accepted by the Grand Lodge, after which the Third Business Session was closed.

tance the Committee had tendered to him and to the Grand Lodge. He particularly singled out the Exalted Rulers of the lodges receiving awards for mention.

General David N. W. Grant, Director of the American Red Cross National Blood Program, praised the Elks for their outstanding support of this vital effort to insure that every wounded veteran of the Korean conflict will receive full benefit.

Red Cross Certificate

Gen. Grant said, "I would appreciate it if you would pass on to all Elks the hearty concurrence of the Department of Defense in giving thanks for the pledge of one million pints of blood by the Order of Elks, and the enthusiastic endeavor of all Elks to fulfill the pledge, constituting the greatest single effort in our program. Your splendid contribution already has had a salutary effect upon the entire Blood Program, which is an all-over defense effort." Gen. Grant presented Grand Exalted Ruler Davis with a Certificate on behalf of E. Roland Harriman, Chairman of the Red Cross, tendered in appreciation of the outstanding work that the Order did in meeting the critical need for blood for the Armed Forces.

Next the report of the Ritualistic Committee was given by Chairman W. A. Wall, West Palm Beach, Fla., lodge. Mr. Wall presented the members of his Committee: Arthur J. Roy, Willimantic, Conn., lodge; Frank Hise, Corvallis, Ore., lodge; George F. Thornton, Oak Park, Ill., lodge and John E. Giles, Marion, Ill., lodge.

Past Exalted Ruler LeRoy B. Coe of Norwich, N. Y., lodge was introduced and he told how, when he attended the

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

THIS Session was opened by Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash., lodge, who gave the report of the State Associations Committee. He introduced members of the Committee: Hugh L. Hartley, Owosso, Mich., lodge; John Erhard, Dallas, Tex., lodge, and Glen S. Paterson, Watertown, S. D., lodge.

Mr. Alexander said, "Our blood raising campaign to bring healing comfort to the boys—to our fighting men in Korea and around the world—was tremendously successful. I don't believe that the Department of Defense authorities ever anticipated the generous response of our Order to this appeal. Three State Associations—Washington, Idaho and Oregon—were awarded first, second and third awards."

Brother Alexander asked the State Presidents of these Associations to stand, and they were accorded an ovation by the delegates. Grand Exalted Ruler Davis thanked the Committee for their help in putting over the blood campaign and particularly commended the Washington delegation.

Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., lodge, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, made his report, a digest of which appears in this issue. Mr. Donaldson first introduced the members of his Committee: R. Leonard Bush, Inglewood, Calif., lodge; Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami, Fla., lodge; James A. Bresnahan, Fitchburg, Mass., lodge, and Sid. E. Patterson, Augusta, Kans., lodge. Chairman Donaldson then announced the results of the

Newspaper Contest, Memorial Contest and Lodge Bulletin Contest. These results appear in the digest of his report in this issue. Grand Exalted Ruler Davis expressed his appreciation for the assis-

Edward A. Spry, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, presents \$400 in U. S. Savings Bonds to the winners of the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest—Albert Henry Krapf and Mary Lou Fanning.



last Grand Lodge Session in Chicago, as then Exalted Ruler, he was inspired to go back to his lodge and establish a ritualistic team that might win in Grand Lodge Competition. As the result, Norwich lodge won the New York State Ritualistic Championship. Brother Coe in his talk emphasized the fact that it did not take years of practice, but only a will to win, to place a ritualistic team in a winning position. Chairman Wall announced that De Kalb, Ill., Lodge, No. 765, won top honors of \$500 and a trophy this year in competition with 25 other State Championship Teams. Second prize award of \$250 and a trophy was presented to Greeley, Colo., lodge. This was the winning team of 1950 and 1951. Third prize of \$125 and a trophy went to Oakland, Calif., lodge; fourth prize of \$75 and a trophy to Youngstown, Ohio, lodge, and fifth place award of \$50 and a trophy to Vincennes, Ind., lodge. Exalted Ruler Don A. Busse of De Kalb lodge brought the Championship Ritualistic Team to the platform and introduced the winners. They were accorded a fine ovation and Grand Exalted Ruler Davis presented the Championship Trophy. (See page 22).

All-American Team

Following this presentation, the Elks Ritualistic All-American Team was introduced and a gold tie clasp was awarded to each member. This year there were 182 officers in competition. Members of the team are: Exalted Ruler Richard L. Tatman, Greeley, Colo., lodge; Leading Knight Jos. L. Haefeli, Greeley, Colo., lodge; Loyal Knight Granville T. Burke, Oakland, Calif., lodge; Lecturing Knight Harry L. Overmire, Oakland, Calif., lodge; Esquire George Olsen, De Kalb, Ill., lodge; Chaplain Norman M. Dean, Greeley, Colo., lodge and Inner Guard Cal Gillen, De Kalb, Ill., lodge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson spoke to the delegates, informing them that Past Exalted Ruler James T. Welch, Bridgeport, Conn., lodge had passed away suddenly. The entire gathering of Grand Lodge delegates stood a moment in silent meditation for Brother Welch. (See obituary on page 34).

Earl E. James, Oklahoma City, Okla., lodge, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, gave his report. Mr. James introduced the members of his Committee: John C. Cochran, Toledo, Ohio, lodge; H. L. Blackledge, Kearney, Nebr., lodge; William S. Hawkins, Coeur D'Alene, Ida., lodge and John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., lodge. Mr. James urged each Exalted Ruler and District Deputy to inform himself of the bylaws and laws of the Order and to obtain from the Grand Secretary a copy of the "Annotated Statutes", since this volume explains all the regulations of the Order. He urged lodges to bring bylaws down to date. A digest of his report appears in this issue.

Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and a member of Charleston, W. Va., lodge, presented

his final report. Brother Kuhns stated that total Grand Lodge registration was 2,740.

D. E. Lambourne, Chairman and Approving Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, made his report, which was unanimously accepted.

Emergency Assessments

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Grand Trustees, with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, to levy an assessment not exceeding \$1.00 per year from each of the more than one million members of our Order, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Elks National Service Commission for the defense of the nation in the event of an emergency—such as war. Also, the Grand Exalted Ruler, with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees, was authorized by Mr. Warner's resolution to augment the sum in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, if the necessity arises. This resolution was adopted.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan made the following announcements about winning bands, etc.: Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Great Falls, Mont., lodge awarded \$250; Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Evansville, Ill., awarded \$250; Junior Band, Washington, D. C., awarded \$250; Senior Band, Fargo, N. D., awarded \$250; Hanover, Pa., Chorus, First Prize of \$250; York, Pa., Chorus, Second Prize of \$100; Springfield, Mass., and Torrington, Conn., Choruses awarded \$50 each for Third Place tie. The winning Drill Team from Pottstown, Pa., was awarded \$250. Judge Hallinan thanked the delegates for their attention and particularly thanked Exalted Ruler Alexander Gruber, Jr., Hempstead, N. Y., lodge, for the splendid program he arranged at the Yankee Stadium. He also expressed his grateful appreciation to Bryan McKeogh in the name of the Convention Committee for his work as Director of the 88th Grand Lodge Convention. In closing Judge Hallinan said, "This hall has never been so beautifully decorated. We will never forget the floral tribute at our Memorial Services to the Elks of America. It is to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Grakelow that we owe this lovely setting for our meetings."

Reserve Fund Resolution

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Campbell, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, offered a resolution. Having been advised by the Grand Secretary and the Board of Grand Trustees that \$125,000 was all that was needed to balance the Grand Lodge budget, Mr. Campbell moved that out of the amount of \$175,000 turned over to the Grand Lodge on Tuesday by his Commission, \$50,000 be allocated to the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund. There is now \$505,000 in the Reserve Fund, all turned over from profits of *The Elks Magazine*.

Home Member Fred L. Bohn, Board of Grand Trustees, submitted a report providing for a contingent fund, after which Thomas J. Brady offered a resolution fixing the per capita tax at \$1.75. Grand Exalted Ruler Davis sincerely thanked the members of the Board for the work done during his term of office.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan offered a resolution increasing membership of the Elks National Service Commission by one member, to be appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler. This was adopted.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton submitted a resolution commending the City of New York for its wholehearted cooperation in making the 88th Grand Lodge Session successful, particularly recognizing the work of Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall. Mr. Broughton's resolution commended the entire Convention Committee who had worked for almost a year to make the Convention a pleasure and inspiration to all members of the Order in attendance. This resolution was passed by a standing vote.

Splendid Response

Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Baltimore, Md., lodge, spoke about the \$5.00 which every subordinate lodge is requested to contribute voluntarily as means of providing entertainment for guests at the Elks National Home. This year a great many lodges responded to this call and Brother Hawthorne presented a check for \$6,000 to the Board of Grand Trustees.

Exalted Ruler John W. Claffin of Bristol, Conn., lodge, and District Deputy Thomas F. Winters of the same lodge, came to the platform and presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with clocks, particularly reminding the delegates that Bristol is famous for this product. Clocks also were presented to Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall in appreciation of the help given to the Connecticut lodges in Mr. Hall's support of the program of last Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin.

In sincere and moving words, Grand Exalted Ruler Davis addressed the delegates in appreciation of his privilege to have served the Order as Grand Exalted Ruler. "It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve you as the head of this great Order. The experiences that I have had, and the friends that I have made. I shall cherish all the days of my life. To you I gladly ascribe all the credit for the record we have written during the year and I believe we can take some measure of pride in what we have accomplished. As I return to you all that the Grand Lodge has committed to my charge and keeping during the year, I shall still retain for myself those pleasant memories and those fine recollections of the wonderful hours I have spent in all sections of this land, with just such fine Elks as sit

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THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICES



View of the stage during the annual Grand Lodge Memorial Services held in the Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.

AT THE HOUR of eleven on July 15th, Elks and their ladies gathered in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to observe the annual Grand Lodge Memorial Exercises. There was a capacity attendance, filling the floor and the two balconies. When all was in readiness the curtains parted and never was the altar more beautifully decorated than it was this year. Ferns, gladiolus and roses were arranged in a lovely setting, designed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow. After the Processional by the Catholic Diocesan Choristers of Brooklyn, Rev. Cornelius C. Toomer, Director, the Presiding Officer, Charles H. Grakelow, delivered the opening remarks. This was followed by a prayer by Grand Chaplain Rev. James E. King. The Choristers then sang beautifully, with Master John Hayes, soprano soloist.

The Elks eleven o'clock toast was given by James G. Sweeney, Past Exalted Ruler of Queens Borough Lodge No. 878. The Choristers then sang "Almighty God, To Whom All Hearts Are Open", after which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson gave a Eulogy on Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, a close friend of Mr. Nicholson's for forty years.

"His life tells its own story. His accomplishments speak for themselves. They need no embellishment from me," said Mr. Nicholson. "No man in the

Order had a greater knowledge of the laws of the Order or contributed more to their creation and interpretation. He served brilliantly as Grand Exalted Ruler. He was an inspired and inspiring leader. He introduced many innovations of great value and importance. His devotion to the Order diminished not at all, and to the last he did not allow physical handicaps to interfere with his service to his brother Elks. He lived his life full, serviceable and happy to its peaceful end."

The Eulogy closed with a message exalted in sentiment and beautiful in expression embodied in an address which Mr. Benjamin delivered at a Grand Lodge Memorial Service some years ago.

After this Eulogy, the Choristers, with Master William Cullen, soprano soloist, sang a composition by Bizet. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick then delivered a Eulogy on the 14,734 Brothers lost to the Order by death last year and he addressed the gathering in words that will not soon be forgotten. Dr. McCormick spoke of these Brothers, their contributions to Elksdom and how they always will live in our memories. He paid a particularly moving tribute to Brother F. J. Schrader, Assistant Grand Secretary, who passed away suddenly in New York during the Convention.

In his inspiring Eulogy, Dr. McCormick said, "We come here not to weep, but rather to rejoice that we have always believed that man is not like the tree

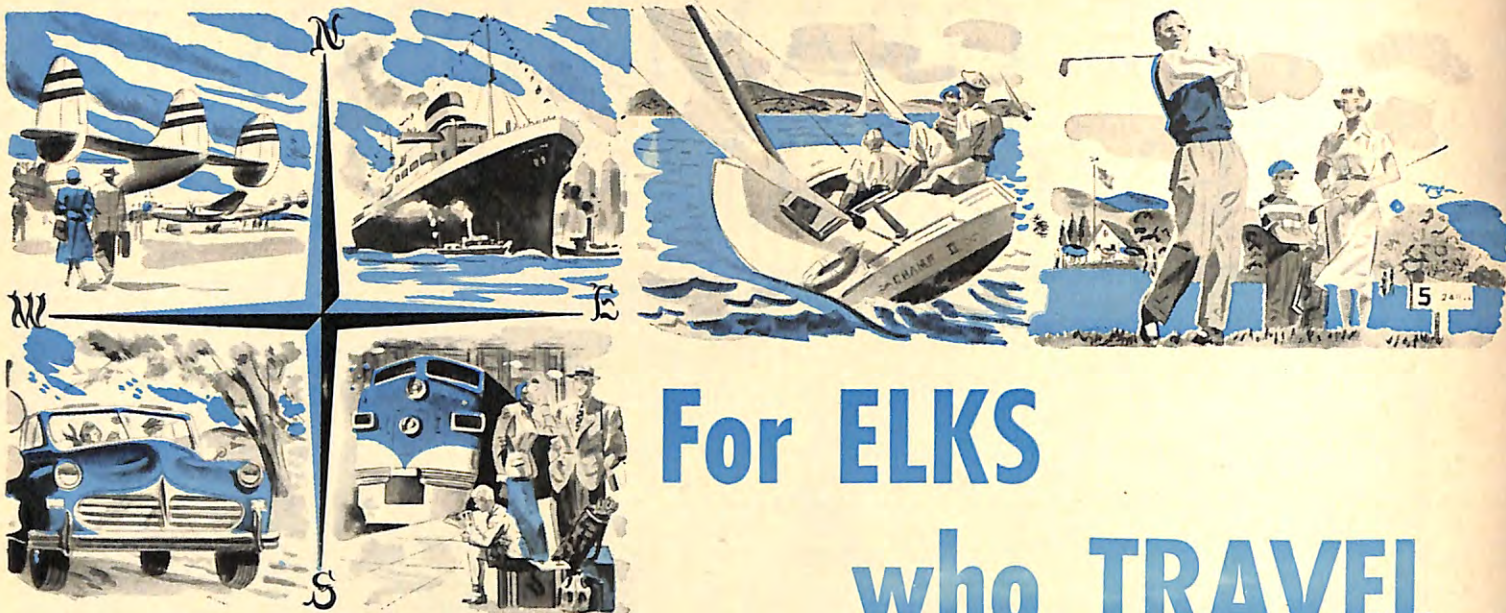
"That falleth where it lies, never again to rise."

"It would seem to me in this Memorial hour that we, the living members of an Order which has been inspired by Holy Writ and by our Founding Fathers, should pledge ourselves to the preservation of the aims and purposes of our departed brothers, because they were sound aims and purposes. Here on this day and in their memory we should renew our determination to carry on the work they initiated."

Following Dr. McCormick's Eulogy, John Hayes again sang a solo "This Is My Prayer". Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow delivered the closing remarks. After Mr. Grakelow spoke the Choristers sang the "Seraphic Song" by Rubinstein, with Ricardo Ladson, contralto soloist.

Grand Chaplain King gave the concluding prayer and the Recessional by the Choristers closed one of the most beautiful and memorable Grand Lodge Memorial Exercises in the Order's history.

The Grand Lodge Memorial Committee arranging this service was comprised of Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow, James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall. Also on the committee were Exalted Rulers James P. Somerville, New York No. 1; Vincent D. Damiani, Brooklyn No. 22; George W. Tooker, Staten Island No. 841; Joseph J. DiBiase, Bronx No. 871 and Edward S. St. John, Queens Borough No. 878.



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Many of the pleasantries of summer in Nova Scotia are equally available in the fall. At least one of the endeavors reaches its peak in September. This, of course, would be the sport of hooking a tuna with a rod and line, and tuna off Nova Scotia can run 500 pounds any ordinary day. Some of the biggest and most accommodating tuna wait for the International Tuna Cup scheduled off Wedgeport waters this year September 10, 11 and 12. The big tuna tournament brings teams together from Great Britain, Cuba, Scandinavia, Chile and the U.S. The fishing starts each day at seven, ends at four p.m., and the scoring is based on a point-per-pound with bonuses for daily catches. It is just as pleasurable, and doubtless

less enervating, to be a spectator at a tuna derby, especially in the late afternoon when the fishing boats come in and the catches are weighed on the dock. The U. S. team which won in 1948 and again in 1949 includes such stalwarts this year as Joe Gale, who has turned in record catches in Peru and is the third man to have taken a broadbilled swordfish in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. Alfred Glassell of Houston, another American competitor, fishing for five weeks off Peru in March and April this year, took six broadbill swords, twenty-four striped marlin, a mako shark and two black marlin, one of which weighed 1,025 pounds. It was the largest fish ever taken on rod and reel. Around Wedgeport and other keen fishing centers this type of information is dispensed with the same alacrity as one may hear Jackie Robinson's batting average discussed along the boulevards of Brooklyn.

Any spectator at the International Cup competition, perhaps inspired by the tuna steeplechase, may indeed try his hand when the big tourney is over. Last summer the season extended from June 28 until October 6, a period which witnessed the catch of some 400 tuna off Nova Scotia, averaging 474 pounds apiece. But the average was a sardine compared to the heaviest—932 pounds taken on September 11 last year by a sixty-six-year-old San Franciscan making his first try at a tuna. The heaviest fish he had ever caught before this attempt was a thirty-four pound salmon.

There was a brash and brazen day when big tuna were called "horse mackerel." In that season a fisherman who got



one on his line promptly sliced the string and let the fish get away. It wasn't fashionable sport then and besides, nobody had the right equipment. An officer in the Royal Canadian Navy boated an oversized ogre way back in 1911, and it scaled 680 pounds. Later the sport was taken up by Zane Grey. After coming home with an empty boat in a dozen spots from Florida to Australia, the writer of westerns finally hooked a 758-pound bluefin off Nova Scotia in 1924. The first big one taken in American waters weighed 705 pounds and was taken off New Jersey as recently as 1933.

Nova Scotia was already rather popular with tourists when two years later, in 1935, Michael Lerner, the famous sports fisherman stopped for gas on the way from Yarmouth, N. S., to catch the boat down to Boston. At a station in Wedgeport he overheard some rather promising fish talk and forthwith changed his plans. Cancelling his steam boat ticket he appeared the next morning in a fishing boat off Soldier's Rip. In the eight days that followed, Lerner took 21 tuna. He also persuaded the fishermen of Wedgeport to equip a fleet for sports fishing.

There are now twenty-two boats available and the season lasts from some time in June until the middle of October. Fishermen who bring their own tackle can hire a boat for \$40 a day, which includes chum for bait and services of cap-

Nova Scotia Bureau of Information Photo.



A big bluefin being hauled aboard at Wedgeport, Nova Scotia.

tain and two guides. By custom the captain also gets the fish.

Aside from fish, Nova Scotia also deals in history. One of the most poignant stories was the expulsion of the French settlers of Acadia from British-controlled Nova Scotia in 1755, a story that was made all but immortal by the publication of Longfellow's famous poem, "Evangeline" that began "Still stands the forest primeval." French explorers had opened the territory and French settlers had developed it, but a treaty in 1713 ceded the province of Acadia to the English, and that meant that the people on the land went with it. But the French refused to show allegiance to the British king and after a series of incidents the British finally rounded up the 2,500 Acadian French in a meadow called Grand Pré and marched them to boats that took them down into the American colonies and to Louisiana.

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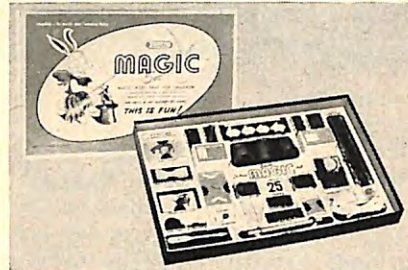
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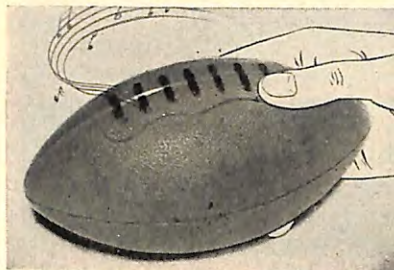
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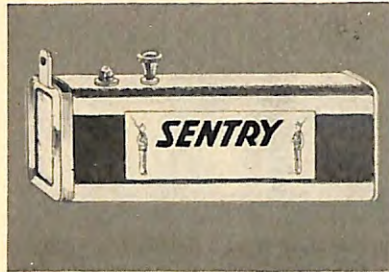
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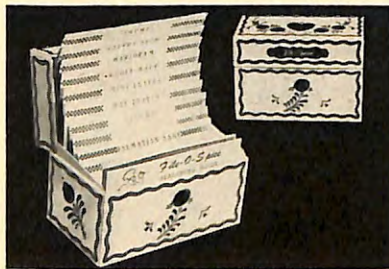
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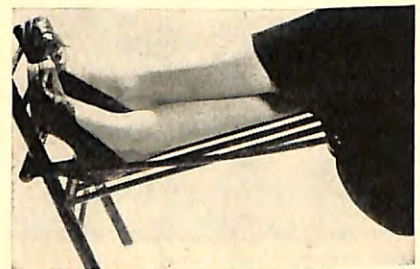
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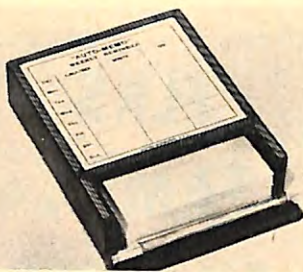
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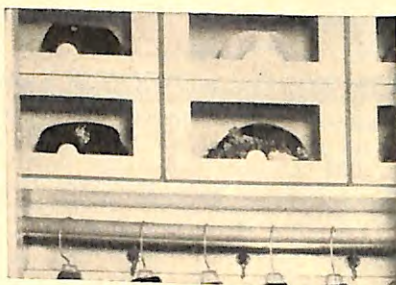
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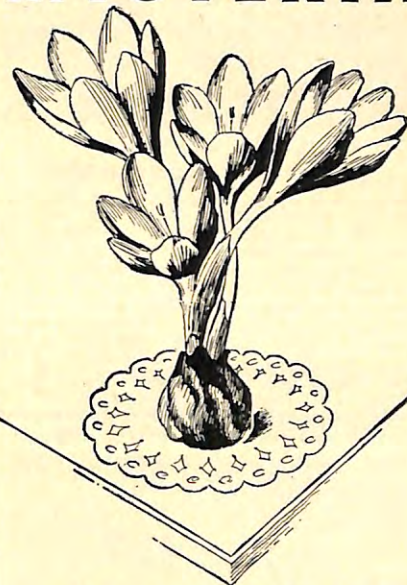
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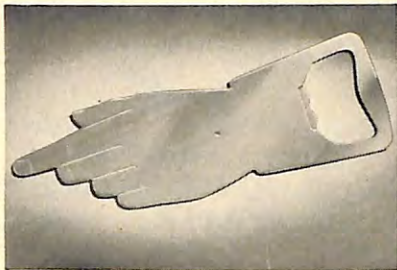
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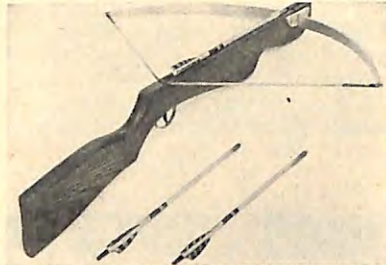
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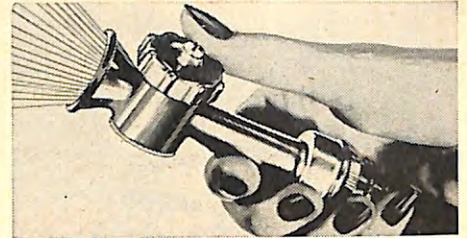


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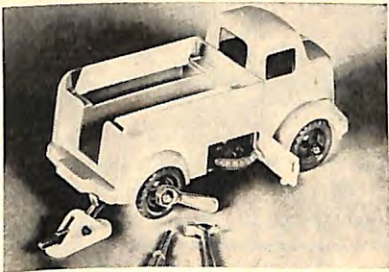
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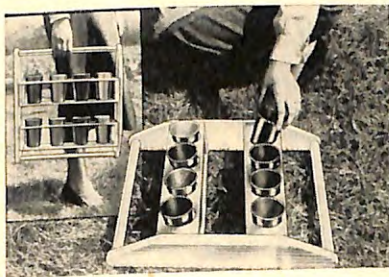
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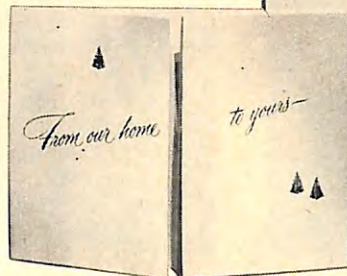


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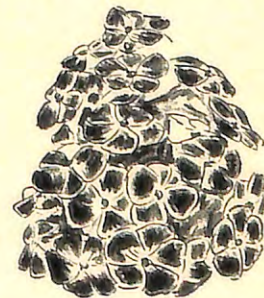
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FLORANCE J. SCHRADER PASSES AWAY



FLORANCE J. SCHRADER

WHILE at the Grand Lodge Registration Desk, directing the work of the Credentials Committee, on Monday, July 14, F. J. Schrader, who was known and beloved throughout Elkdom as Florrie, was seized with a heart attack and died early the following morning in a New York hospital. An Elk since 1897, he had served the Order ably, and with memorable personality, as Assistant to the Grand Secretary for nearly twenty-five years.

Brother Schrader was a member of Allegheny (Pittsburgh) Pa., Lodge, No. 339, and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1910-11. In 1911 he was DDGER for Pennsylvania Southwest and the following year was President of the Pennsylvania State Elks Assoc. So capably did he fill these offices that he became one of the most prominent and well-liked Elks in his native state. Advancing further in the Order, in 1920 he was elected Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight and two years later was a member of the State Associations Committee. In 1924 he was appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee and in 1926 he served on the Grand Lodge Good of the Order Committee. He was appointed Assistant to the Grand Secretary in 1928.

For a personal tribute to this great Elk we turn to one of his closest friends:

"Convinced that the Elks were the greatest Fraternity for a Man, Brother F. J. Schrader gave daily yeoman service of his talents and all he possessed, thus laying the foundation for the thousands of appreciative friends who mourn his departure.

"In gratitude for the privilege of seeing this generous giving of self for the past 45 years, I can only say 'Here Was An Elk.'"

Charles H. Grakelow
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

PROMINENT CONNECTICUT ELK DIES

JAMES T. WELCH, one of the most prominent and highly regarded Elks in Connecticut, died on July 16 at the age of 53. Brother Welch was initiated in Bridgeport Lodge, No. 36, in 1925 and served his lodge as Exalted Ruler two terms—1937 and 1938. In 1946 he was President of the Connecticut State Elks Assoc., an office he held with distinction that long will be remembered by his fellow Elks in his state. Two years later he was appointed District Deputy for Connecticut. At the 1950 Grand Lodge Convention he was elected Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Brother Welch was a veteran of World War I, having served in the Navy in 1917-1919.

Judge Martin J. Cunningham, former Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, pays this tribute to Brother Welch:

"The obligation which he assumed at his initiation ever remained a controlling influence in his fraternal and community life. His excellence of character and his fraternal qualities earned for him the regard of all with whom he came into contact. He was ever willing to sacrifice his time and expend his energy in promoting the activities of his lodge and the tenets and principles of our Order."



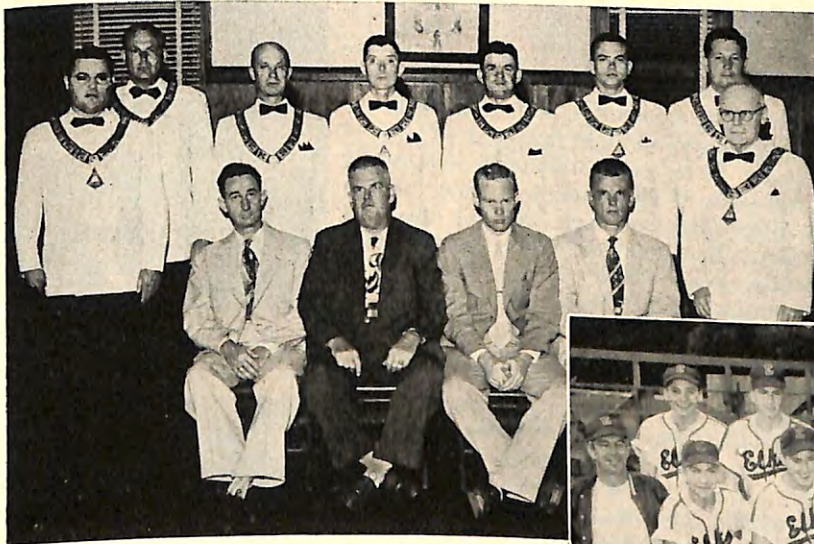
JAMES T. WELCH



A deed to a new home is handed to Mrs. Alice Cartwright by P.E.R. Allen S. Dolgin of Camden, N. J., Lodge as Secy. W. L. Fogg looks on. Mrs. Cartwright, the mother of a crippled child whose braces have been supplied through the past seven years by the Camden Elks, lost her home in a fire last Spring. The Elks gave her and her five children a new one.



These four young Europeans, wives of U. S. Servicemen, were photographed when they became naturalized citizens. P.D.D. E. P. Mathes of Jonesboro, Ark., Lodge addressed the new Americans and presented each with a silk American Flag. This patriotic activity of Jonesboro Lodge so impressed the members of Little Rock Lodge that they adopted the idea.



Above: Officials of Gainesville, Fla., Lodge with the class of four newspapermen they initiated in July.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Right: Salina, Kans., Lodge's Junior Elks Baseball Team, Champions of the City League, with Manager Dude Young and Trainer Ernest Cassell, members of the Order.



These boys are the North Attleboro, Mass., Elks Little League Orioles, pictured with Co-Managers Harold White, Sr., and George Bristol. The Orioles are one of 14 teams in the program sponsored by the lodge.



Ridgewood, N. J., Lodge was awarded first prize with this float as the best patriotic entry in the city's Independence Day Parade. Designer Louis F. Fallon used the Order's Armed Forces Blood Program as its theme.

Our Most Valuable Students



FIRST AWARD \$900
Helen Katherine McLin
Attleboro, Mass.



FIRST AWARD \$900
Robert Ray Hillis
Lawton, Okla.



SECOND AWARD \$800
Henry T. V. Miller
Nashville, Tenn.



SECOND AWARD \$800
Bruce Daniels Wedlock
West Warwick, R. I.



SECOND AWARD \$800
Elva Orlow
Pasadena, Calif.



FOURTH AWARD \$600
Robert L. Santos
Richmond, Calif.



THIRD AWARD \$700
Helen Joann Haftle
Missoula, Mont.



FOURTH AWARD \$600
Richard Joseph Barnett
Peru, Ind.

THE final results of the "Most Valuable Student Awards" which the Elks National Foundation awards annually to deserving and exceptional students for furthering their education are reported on this page.

This year there were 12 winners since there were several ties. Pictures of the winning students, as well as the Elks National Foundation prize awards, are published on this page. In addition to the 12 major awards, there were 41 Special Scholarship awards of \$400 each, as follow:

Winners in the girls' division were: Mildred Joan Blakeslee, Flint, Mich.; Lois Statham, Covington, Ga.; Edna Darlene Cassidy, Baker, Ore.; Mary Jacqueline O'Rourke, West Warwick, R. I.; Wanda Yvonne Ragland, Houston, Tex.; Rose M. Scarpiello, Ambridge, Pa.; Beverly Ann Rakes, Roanoke, Va.; Janet A. Hansen, Yankton, S. D.; Mary Anne Dyer, Rumford, Me.; Martha Caroline Mitchell, Lakewood, Ohio; Anna Jane Fritz, Berwick, Pa.; Joanne Charlotte Kaupie, Racine, Wis.; Ellen L. Flaherty, Quincy, Mass.; Nancyann Yungblut, Scottsbluff, Nebr.; Joanne Louise Schroeder, Kelso, Wash.; Anne Jean Guyton, Memphis, Tenn.; Sue Marilyn Moyer, Hiawatha, Kans., and Mary Rosanna Schweikle, Williamsport, Pa. A Scholarship (allocated to Possessions) was awarded to Ileana Catalina Viqueira, San Juan, P. R., and a Special Scholarship was awarded to Shirley Ann Rego, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Winners in the boys' division were: William H. Gerety, Jr., Everett, Mass.; Stephen M. Winslow, Lynn, Mass.; W. Eugene Sanders, Jr., Frederick, Md.; John Francis Schact, Modesto, Calif.; Alexander Peter Misheff, Red Wing, Minn.; William Sheldon Dickinson, Muscatine,

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THIRD AWARD \$700
Carolyn Calhoun
Homewood, Ala.



FIFTH AWARD \$500
Barbara Anne Watson
Bay City, Mich.



FIFTH AWARD \$500
Marilyn A. Nelson
Eugene, Ore.



FIFTH AWARD \$500
Donna Joan Harding
Warrensburg, Mo.

Elks National Foundation SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees announce that NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS in scholarship awards will be distributed at the 1953 Grand Lodge Session. This announcement of the "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to the students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For more than eighteen years these awards have made it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The awards offered this year are:

	Boys	Girls
First Award	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Second Award	800.00	800.00
Third Award	700.00	700.00
Fourth Award	600.00	600.00
Fifth Award	500.00	500.00
Fifteen \$400 Awards	6,000.00	6,000.00
	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00

ELIGIBILITY

Any student in the graduating class of a high or college preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class of a recognized college, who is a resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, may file an application.

MERIT STANDARDS

Scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism and general worthiness are the criteria by which these young applicants will be judged.

FORM OF APPLICATION

The Foundation Trustees furnish a blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts", which must be filled out in type-writing and made a part of the student's presentation. The Trustees do not furnish any other blank nor do they insist on any special form of application or presentation. They prefer that each applicant use his own ingenuity in presenting his case. Experience has shown that the interests of the applicant are advanced and the time of the Trustees is conserved by orderly, concise and chronological presentation on paper approximately 8½" x 11" (the usual business-letter size), bound neatly at the left side in a standard binder or cover (8¾" x 11½") which can be procured at any stationery store. Remove all letters from envelopes and *bind the letters flat*. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements in leadership, literature, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities may be attached, but the applicant should avoid submitting repetitious accounts of the same aptitude. Elaborate presentation is unnecessary. Careless presentation definitely handicaps the applicant.

In addition to the "Memorandum of Required Facts", which should be first in the cover, we suggest as essential details the following, preferably in the order indicated:

1. Recent photograph of the applicant. (Not a snapshot.)
2. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant in his own handwriting, summarizing activities, ac-

complishments, and objective of further education which the applicant thinks qualify him for one of the scholarship awards.

3. A letter of not over 200 words from a parent or other person having knowledge of the facts, presenting a picture of the family situation and showing the applicant's need for financial assistance to continue in school.

4. The applicant's educational history *from first year of high or college preparatory school* to date of application supported by school certificates signed by the proper school authority, showing the courses taken, the grades received and the rank of the applicant in the class. The different methods of grading in the schools of the country make it desirable that the school authority, in addition to furnishing the formal certificates, state the applicant's average in figures on the basis of 100% for perfect.

5. A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in each school.

6. Two or three letters of endorsement from responsible persons, not related to applicant, who have had an opportunity personally to observe the applicant and who can give worthwhile opinion of the character, industry, purposefulness, disposition and general worthiness of the applicant.

7. A letter of endorsement signed by the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction of which the applicant is resident, *stating that he has reviewed the application and verifies the substantial accuracy of the statements contained therein*.

Applications that do not conform substantially to the foregoing requirements will not be considered.

Only students of outstanding merit, who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to struggle to achieve success, have a chance to win our awards. Experience indicates that a scholarship rating of 90% or better and a relative standing in the upper five per cent of the applicant's class are necessary to make the group that will be given final consideration for the awards.

FILING OF APPLICATIONS

The application, verified by the proper subordinate lodge officer, must be filed on or before March 1, 1953, with the Secretary of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident, in order that it may be judged by the Scholarship Committee of said Association and, if approved as one of the quota of applicants allotted to the State, be forwarded to our Chairman not later than April 1, 1953.

The officers of the subordinate lodges are requested to give notice of this offer to the principals of the high and preparatory schools and the deans of the colleges in their vicinity, and to cause this announcement to be published in the lodge bulletin. Members are requested to bring this announcement to the attention of qualified students.

Requests for blanks and other information should be addressed to John F. Malley, Chairman, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BEFORE MARCH 1, 1953

Approved by National Contest Committee of National Association of Secondary School Principals.

submitted to the Grand Lodge at New York in July.



COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PRESENTING the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Earl E. James, Chairman, Oklahoma City, Okla., lodge, stated that during the year his Committee had rendered 272 formal opinions, approved 518 bylaws, amendments or revisions and 51 building applications and 16 bulletins and publications. This makes a total of 857 formal matters which were handled, filed and indexed by the Committee. During the year, approximately 2,700 pieces of mail were handled.

Chairman James pointed out that opinions and decisions rendered during the year would have decreased materially except for the fact that Government Price Stabilization orders, income tax matters and postal regulation changes had created many additional queries from the lodges. In addition to rendering formal opinions for the Committee, Mr. James said that he had secured blanket exemption for all subordinate lodges from income tax and from increased postal rates. Also many forms required by various officers and Committees of the Grand Lodge were prepared.

Resolutions Adopted

The Committee recommended several resolutions to the Grand Lodge and these were unanimously approved by the delegates.

Section 48 of the Grand Lodge Statutes was amended to increase transportation expenses of District Deputies making official visits to subordinate lodges from four cents a mile to an amount not to exceed six cents.

Section 16 was amended to clarify the existing statute as to the manner of appealing from executive orders where the subordinate lodge officer is removed by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Section 27 was amended to qualify the general proceedings when an executive order shall be appealed from in order to make this Section consistent with the amendments of Section 16.

Section 240 was amended to change the date on which the Grand Secretary must mail out the proposed amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes to each subordinate lodge, as well as the date of the vote thereon by the subordinate lodge. The amendment advances each date one month so that the Grand Secretary shall forward the proposed amendment on or before the first day of August and the subordinate lodge shall, at its first regu-

lar Session in September, vote upon the amendment. This was done so that time will not be lost in the preparation and distribution of the Grand Lodge Statutes.

Section 128-a was amended to place subordinate lodge representatives to the Grand Lodge Session on the same per diem basis as Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen. This increases the per diem rate from \$10 while traveling and \$15 while in attendance to \$15 and \$20, respectively.

Section 172 was amended to provide that where a member of one lodge transfers to another lodge, the lodge of which he is newly a member may grant a Life Membership if the member is otherwise qualified under the provisions of Section 172. Oak Park, Ill., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Providence, R. I., lodges and the Michigan State Elks Association had offered resolutions containing suggested amendments to this Section and as a re-

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LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

REPORTING to the Grand Lodge Session in New York on the work of the Lodge Activities Committee during the past year, Chairman Lee A. Donaldson pointed out that a program was adopted which was designed to help strengthen subordinate lodges and increase interest and participation in the Special Services. The first step in this direction was to assign one or more members of the Committee to attend each of the District Deputy Conferences. The Chairman and Committeeman, Sid E. Patterson, attended the Chicago Conference; R. Leonard Bush represented the Committee at Salt Lake City, and Committeemen James A. Bresnahan and Chelsie J. Senerchia were assigned to the meeting at the Elks National Home at Bedford. At the meetings the Committeemen outlined the Activities Program and supplied a copy of the program to each Deputy.

District Clinics

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis instructed his District Deputies to hold the first District Clinic for the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries before they started making their official visits. An agenda, including the outline of a Clinic held last year, was sent to the Deputies for their guidance. Originally two clinics were planned, one at the beginning of the year and one in February. However, District Deputy Reports revealed a situation regarding lapsations that demanded action. Therefore, a second clinic was held in January and to this clinic the Chairmen of the subordinate lodge lapsation committees were invited. Discussion at this meeting was confined to membership and the Armed Forces Blood Campaign. For the instruction of new

lodge officers, a third clinic was held in April.

The Committee reports that the clinics were well attended and met with interest and enthusiasm. The Committee recommended that three clinics be held annually, one as soon as possible after the Deputies are appointed and one in the middle of the lodge year and the third as soon as the new lodge officers are installed.

Lodge Finances

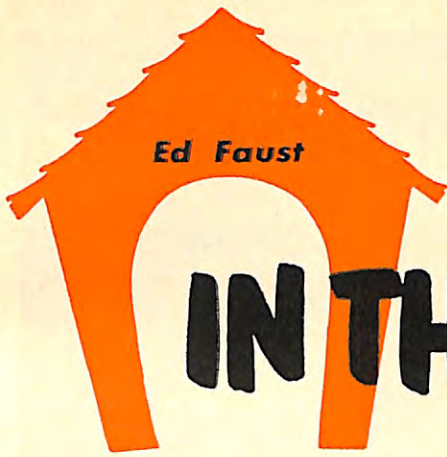
Realizing the financial problems with which many lodges are faced, Grand Exalted Ruler Davis instructed the Lodge Activities Committee to urge these lodges to re-examine their financial structure with the view of increasing their revenue and keeping overhead down.

All the lodges were instructed to set up a realistic budget and then adhere to it. The Committee stresses the necessity for lodge officers to familiarize themselves with the financial status of their lodge and to determine to improve it.

Membership and Lapsation

While no intensive membership campaigns were staged, there were two classes during the year. In November the Howard R. Davis Birthday Class was held. The second class was the Exalted Ruler's Class initiated in February and March. Through the medium of these classes a goodly number of men were initiated who truly measured up to the name of Elk, Chairman Donaldson stated. District Deputies working with the Lodge Activities Committee and Grand Exalted Ruler were urged to impress upon Lodge Secretaries the necessity of taking steps to curb lapsation. Specific methods were

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Ed Faust turns to his file of clippings
for some unusual antics of smart pups.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

DURING the many years that I have been privileged to write this page I have received so many thousands of letters from readers that I lost count of them long ago, but never, in all this time, has there been any let down in the thrill that I get when I begin to open the mail. Some of the readers who began by asking questions about their dogs later became regular correspondents, frequently writing about matters that have little or no relationship to dogs. Some of them write from such far off places as Hawaii, Mexico, Alaska and of course from almost everywhere in these United States. Many, when writing, have been good enough to send along newspaper clippings of interesting items relating to local dogs. For these I'm grateful as they go in my files and provide material for me to use from time to time. To these I add such items as I collect myself. Believing that this is as good a time as any, here goes for a round-up of stories about the curious things our four-footed friend Fido has done to get himself in the news.

From the Washington, D. C., *Daily News* we learn that Nip, an eight-year-old cocker spaniel and a stranger to Washington, got himself lost while there. Did he waste time on a futile man hunt? He did not. Instead, he ambled in to radio station WGMS and used the air to air his troubles. He arrived precisely at the right time when that station was broadcasting its "Welcome Wagon" program, welcoming arrivals to Washington. Nip had been brought all the way from St. Louis. His arrival at the station was broadcast and within the hour Thomas A. Quigley, executive assistant to Senator Thomas C. Hennings, called to claim him. Here's one from St. Louis itself, from the *Star-Times* of that City: Carl Siegel, Belleville city clerk, was surprised when an applicant owning one dog filed for two licenses. The reason Mr. George Roth, the one-dog man, gave was that a very likable pup had strayed into his neighborhood a month before and was adopted by most of the neighbors, among whom he divided his time. He was nobody, yet everybody's dog and

to avoid his being corraled by the dog catcher, Mr. Roth was deputized to use the nickles and dimes contributed by his neighbors to buy a license for the stray.

In the San Francisco, Calif., *News* we find this item: Sorrel is an Irish setter that literally goes in for fishing. He's owned by Maury Darr of Guerneville and every so often, when they're running, he'll dive in the Russian River to emerge with a good size shad between his jaws. (Living in a community where much fishing is done I could rent out a dog like that.) Dartmouth College last June graduated its first female student, Pal, a Seeing Eye dog. Pal was given a certificate granting her all privileges and rights of a graduate. Edward L. Glaser of Chicago, her blind master, at the same time received his Bachelor of Arts degree and was led by Pal in the parade of 523 graduates. After Pal's master was given his degree, Pal's certificate was placed in her harness by Dean Lloyd K. Neidlinger, said certificate bearing the official Dartmouth seal and signed by President John S. Dickey.

I thought I knew a lot about dogs until I read the story concerning Cookie,

a cocker spaniel. From the *News-Herald* of Hutchinson, Kansas, comes this item about Miss Cookie: Her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ediger, discovered that in Cookie they had a cucumber hound. They first learned of this when they found their dog dining on a cucumber. This was odd enough but later investigation revealed that the dog had a neat store of no less than ten cucumbers hidden away. She had raided the family vegetable patch regularly. Said Mrs. Ediger, "Cookie did a fine job of picking those cucumbers. She didn't tear a vine. But it still makes me mad because I wanted to eat those cucumbers myself." We must assume that while Cookie left the vines intact she must have taken samples from each of the cucumbers she swiped. We must believe this story because the San Diego, Calif., *Journal* prints it and Bill Hills of Venice says it's so. His dog Butch gets a ration of six cigarettes a day and Bill, to make things more cozy for Butch, gave him a cigarette holder, which is said to add much to the dignity of that pup.

Smokey is a fire-dog attached to Fire

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Photo by Ylla



These Basset hounds weren't in the newspapers, but would make a good story.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Above: During Lake Worth, Fla., Lodge's Fourth of July picnic, 1,500 children were fed 3,000 hot dogs, 2,000 pints of ice cream and 3,000 soft drinks. The Committeemen in charge are pictured with a few guests in the background. Left to right: City Commissioner Charles Gardner, H. A. Tadlock, James Belnaves, P.E.R. F. S. Cuyler.



Above: Bowling Champions of the Pottsville, Pa., Elks League are honored at the League banquet. Left to right: Anthony Buehler, A. Thomas Waite, E.R. Robert Freiler, Captain John Tra nosky, Robert J. Bell and "Hack" Scharadin.



This fine group of men recently became affiliated with New Bern, N. C., Lodge as the P.E.R.'s Class. All candidates were secured by the former leaders whose Degree Team, seated, initiated them.



On P.E.R.'s Night at Albany, Ore., Lodge a class of 22 members was initiated, pictured with P.E.R.'s.



Former leaders of Hagerstown, Md., Lodge are pictured when they presented a P.E.R.'s plaque to the lodge. Standing: W. F. Burhans, C. W. Miller, E. S. Guth, L. V. Martin, J. J. Chrisman, Maurice Domenici, Jr., H. S. George, Secy. R. C. Bair, James McGuffin, Sr., G. W. Fisher; seated: P.D.D. R. C. Munson, Senior P.E.R. A. H. Mumma; 33-year Treas. E. K. Bachtell and Trustee C. L. Mobley.

Neb. Elks Assn. Crippled Children's Clinic Takes Place at North Platte

About 70 children were registered at one of the 25 clinics sponsored annually by the Neb. Elks Assn. On hand was Earl Mudge, Co-Chairman of the Benevolence Commission of the Assn., who was E.R. of Beatrice Lodge when the first clinic was held there in 1930.

This session took place at the Knights of Columbus Hall where the members of North Platte Lodge No. 985 supplied the children and their parents with a fine noon meal prepared by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Each clinic brings to the children a physical therapist, orthopedist, pediatrician and field nurse.

Calif. Dignitaries Participate In Los Gatos Institution

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis was the principal speaker on the program held in conjunction with the institution of Los Gatos Lodge No. 1857. Past Grand Est. Lead. Knight F. Eugene Dayton installed the new officers, headed by E.R. Tom Malatesta; Pres. John B. Morey, on behalf of the State Assn., presented an American Flag to this new branch of California Elkdom, and the officers of the sponsoring San Jose Lodge No. 522 initiated the class of 250 Elks, including 50 dimitting from other lodges.

Institution ceremonies were conducted by D.D. Norman Goodrich, Past State Presidents Horace R. Wisely, George Smith and Dr. Howard Kirtland, State Trustee Ed Andersen and P.D.D.'s L. T. Brazer, James Greenelsh, M. N. Watters, Dr. Ben Loveall and Sheldon Gilmer.

Over 500 Elks from the District's ten lodges attended the program which closed with a sumptuous barbecue dinner.



These Midland, Tex., Elks participated in a campaign to raise \$2,500 to insure the continuance of the local Little Baseball League, collected nearly \$1,000 in one day. Left to right: E.R. J. S. Leonard, League Representative J. M. McDonald, Dan Lillis, Chairman H. B. Rouse, Otho Carr, Jack Petosky, S. Hollingsworth, James Flanigan, Oren Crocker, Charles DeBarbie and Louis Mabee.



Left: At Perth Amboy, N. J., Lodge's 50th Anniversary Banquet were, left to right: Grand Treas. Wm. J. Jernick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, the principal speaker, Charter Member E. J. McCormick and E.R. I. O. Spevack. Past Pres. A. F. Greiner was Toastmaster.

Right: E.R. Hon. S. Victor Wagler pins a 50-year lapel pin on Alex Rosborough as other 50-year members P.E.R. James Shanly, left, and Hon. James Quinn, right, look on. Eight more half-century Elks were also honored by Oakland, Calif., Lodge.



The Vivian Society, the wives and widows of Lansing, Mich., Elks celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a reception at the lodge home. Left to right: The Society's Senior Past Pres. Mrs. C. B. Leonard, E.R. Eugene Mason, Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a member of the lodge, current Vivian Society Pres. Mrs. Milo Ward, Mayor Ralph Crego and Co-Chairwomen Mrs. Victor Boichot and Mrs. E. E. Kline.

LODGE NOTES

Fifty underprivileged youngsters enjoyed BAY CITY, MICH., Lodge's 1952 outing. P.E.R.'s Linal Bailey, Jr., and Fred Jackman, with Leon Jean and their wives accompanied the children in buses chartered by the VFW . . . DAYTON, OHIO, Lodge mourns the loss of its oldest member, 83-year-old Ben J. Westbrook, who was active in lodge affairs for 57 years. He is survived by a daughter and five sons, one of whom is a Trustee of the lodge. This branch of the Order has just installed two large air-conditioning units in its home . . . A local star, Red Stoffer, won the championship flight in the ROCHESTER, MINN., Elks' 27-hole Invitation Golf Tourney in which 33 golfers participated. Merle Stimson of Waterloo was runner-up, with Bill Berystedt of Rochester taking third place . . . TRENTON, N. J., Lodge is to be congratulated on its perspicacity in electing Albert E. Dearden as its Secy. for the 33rd time. E.R. in 1905 and again in 1906. Mr. Dearden is a P.D.D., Past State Assn. Pres., former Grand Lodge Committeeman and will be 90 years old this month . . . Another long-time Elk, 81-year-old Robert E. Lee Reynolds who has been Secy. of the GA. ELKS ASSN. for many years, attended this year's Grand Lodge Convention and made a side trip to Amsterdam, N. Y., where he resided from 1893 until 1922 when he settled in Atlanta, Ga. During his visit in Amsterdam he was received royally by the hundreds of friends he'd made during his colorful career there as business educator, police court judge, postmaster and newspaper editor and publisher . . . In 1947, YONKERS, N. Y., Lodge organized a Boy Scout Troop of 17 members under the leadership of Ernest Raiband. Not long ago, the Troop, now boasting 31 boys and an Explorer Unit, received its Charter from Dist. Scout Commissioner Duane Gladfelder. At special ceremonies when many of the Scouts' parents were guests, P.E.R. Harold Bruggemann presided and George Walper was the speaker. Merit Badges were presented to more than 100 boys by former City Councilman Emmitt Burke and Francis Whalan, Elk committeemen, with Eagle Badges going to Anthony Spinalli and Cary Broderick.

News of the State Associations

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the Portland Children's Hospital, while well over \$1,500 was expended at the VA Hospital at Togus.

The Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the State was presented to Leonard Edgar Porter, while Miss Sally True and James Noyes each received a \$100 U. S. Bond from the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee and another from the Assn. The Foundation received a \$200 contribution from the Maine Elks who will be led by the following officers until the 1953 meeting in Augusta: Pres., Gerard Ferland, Waterville; 1st Vice-Pres., Maynard Marstons, Rockland; 2nd Vice-Pres., John Galvin, Millinocket; 3rd Vice-Pres., Brian Jewett, Bath; 4th Vice-Pres., Joseph J. Cummings, Augusta. Edward R. Twomey of Portland was again reelected Secy-Treas. of the Assn., beginning his 25th year of continuous service in this office. Every lodge in the State is represented by a Trustee; those serving for two years are Charles Harlow, Sanford; M. Arthur Costellow, Biddeford-Saco; Dr. John H. Nugent, Portland; Bernard Varnum, Bath; Robert Brewer, Rockland; Thomas V. Crowley, Lewiston; Arthur Ferland, Rumford; for one year, Robert Donovan, Gardiner; Robert Martin, Augusta; Henry Browder, Bangor; John J. Nahra, Old Town; J. Neale Bither, Houlton; M. C. Spruce, Millinocket, and A. Perley Castonguay, Waterville.

King and Prince Hotel when Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz was the featured speaker.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland offered the motion, seconded by Past Pres. Edward A. Dutton, that the invitation extended by Atlanta Lodge to hold the 1953 meeting at its newly enlarged home be accepted. Until that conclave, the following men will handle Assn. business: Pres., Homer C. Eberhardt, Valdosta; Vice-Presidents: (E.) M. E. Alderman, Statesboro; (So.) Walter W. Driskell, Brunswick; (W.) Aaron Keheley, Newnan; Secy.-Treas., Roderick M. McDuffie, East Point; Chaplain, Rev. Father Michael Manning, Gainesville, and Sergeant-at-Arms, J. C. Woodward, Jr., Valdosta.

TEXAS

Galveston Lodge No. 126 welcomed the greatest number of delegates in the history of the Texas Elks State Assn. June 4, 5, 6 and 7. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor and Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary were inspired speakers on the program, which was also attended by Special Deputy Floyd H. Brown.

Installed by Past Pres. Raymond L. Wright, the following will head the organization for the 28th year of its existence: Pres., R. P. Willis, Wichita Falls; Secy., H. S. Rubenstein, Brenham; Treas., Henry Wendlandt, Austin; Vice-Presidents: (No.) Alex A. McKnight, Dallas; (S.E.) Walter R. Staib, Pasadena; (S.W.) Lloyd Burwick, McAllen; (Cent.) J. W. Pierson, Cleburne; (W.) Tom Stalnaker, Amarillo; (E.) Sam Robinson, Lufkin; Assn. Trustee for six years, John Schmid, Brownsville, Tex. Elks Crippled Children's Institution Trustee for eight years, Geo. A. Strauss, Corpus Christi.

In the Ritualistic Contest, the honors went to Baytown Lodge, followed by Dallas and Longview in that order. On the 6th, the Annual Memorial Services took place with Past Pres. J. Rollie Pray presiding.

At the opening business session, conducted by Past Pres. Hon. Allen B. Hannay, Mayor H. Y. Cartwright welcomed the delegates to his city, with Past Pres. George Strauss responding, and E.R. C. W. Foster, Jr., greeted the Conventioners for Galveston Lodge, with the acknowledgment made by Past Pres. Floyd B. Ford.

Among the many well-planned affairs on the program were special breakfasts, tours of the city, the Past Presidents' Luncheon, bingo games for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Hospital at Otine, a Dinner Dance, fish fry, Western Calf Scramble Dance and a style show for the ladies. Following the parade, led by the Lubbock Band, on the afternoon of

GEORGIA

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Georgia Elks Assn. took place in Brunswick when 456 delegates were on hand to represent 36 lodges of the Assn. Moving Memorial Services were held at 11 a.m. on the day of the first session and Elks National Foundation Scholarship awards of \$400 were presented to Miss Lois Statham, sponsored by Covington Lodge, and Herman Palmer of Douglas.

Buckhead Lodge's Team won Ritualistic honors and the J. Bush Cup over 11 other entries and Louis Hill of Atlanta Lodge took the Jesse D. Jewell Trophy in the Golf Tournament.

Reports revealed that the State's membership has increased by 882 and Chairman Robert G. Pruitt of the Executive Committee of "Aidmore", the Crippled Children's Hospital maintained by the Ga. Elks, reported that this favorite charitable endeavor is in fine condition, entirely free of debt.

A highlight of the meeting was the naming of Robert E. Lee Reynolds of Atlanta as Secy-Treas.-Emeritus in recognition of his 21 years of faithful service to the Assn. and Elksdom in general.

Meetings were held by the P.E.R.'s Assn. and by the ladies of the Elks "Aidmore" Auxiliaries, with the principal social affair the annual banquet at the

the 7th, the delegates and their ladies were treated to a real Galvestonian Shrimp Boil at Stewart's Beach.

The final social event of the meeting was the Grand Ball attended by more than 1,000 persons who were thrilled by an exhibition drill performed by the well-known Elkadettes of Houston Lodge which will be host to the 1953 conclave.

NORTH DAKOTA

More than 1,250 Elks were registered at the 32nd Annual Convention of the No. Dak. State Elks Assn. to which Jamestown Lodge No. 995 was host early in June.

Memorial Services, to which the public was invited, were held at McElroy Park with Past Pres. T. E. George delivering the memorial address.

Highlighting the three-day meeting was the Convention banquet, at which 500 persons heard impressive speeches delivered by Sam Stern, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and by former U. S. Sen. A. B. "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky. Earlier the same day, a typical Elks parade, replete with floats, bands and drum corps, marched its way through crowded streets.

The Convention adjourned with the election of the following officers: Pres., General G. A. Fraser, Fargo, succeeding Jack Heimes of Valley City; Vice-Pres., W. F. Kunz, Bismarck; Secy. (re-elected), E. A. Reed, Jamestown; Treas. (re-elected), Alex Rawitscher, Williston. Paul Brewer of Bismarck Lodge was elected to the Board of Trustees.

OREGON

The finest Convention in the history of the Ore. Elks Assn. closed on June 8th after three days during which the 5,000 registered Elks and their ladies enjoyed a variety of activities arranged by their hosts, the Elks of Eugene Lodge No. 357, with Dick Reed as General Chairman.

These included dancing each evening, with Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra providing the music for the Grand Ball. A colorful parade, replete with bands, was cheered enthusiastically by thousands of spectators, and the Civic Stadium was jammed for the Flag Day Services, band concerts and Drill Team competition. The ladies enjoyed a style show, and tea, during the business sessions, and several banquets were held honoring various groups of officers and distinguished guests who included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Governor Douglas McKay and Secretary of the State of Oregon, Earl T. Newbry.

The initiation of candidates representing various Oregon lodges was conducted by the All-State Ritualistic Team composed of officers who attained the highest rating in the State Contest. More than 250 persons took part in the bowling event, with about 100 participating in the golf tourney and 125 in the trapshoot.

The delegates voted to establish two four-year scholarships—one for a boy, the other for a girl, and the report on the Visually Handicapped Program for underprivileged children revealed that during the year some 14,000 office calls were handled, including over 2,200 new patients. This program is operated with the cooperation of the University of Ore. Medical School.

Officers elected at this meeting are: Pres., Louis H. Cline, McMinnville; 1st Vice-Pres., Wm. L. Stollmack, Bend; 2nd Vice-Pres., Hans Soll, The Dalles; 3rd Vice-Pres., Martin P. Coopey, Corvallis; Treas., D. V. Bulger, Portland; Secy., Ernest L. Scott, Medford; Sgt.-at-Arms; Win Fraidenburg, McMinnville; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, Walter Sergeant, Grants Pass; Chaplain Loren Bryant, Eugene; Tiler, Dallas Burnett, Hood River; Trustees: A. W. Wagner, Eugene; J. S. Reed, Ashland; Robert R. Carey, La Grande; George D. Field, Portland, and Fred Simpson, Newport.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1952

State	Place	Date
Colorado	Greeley	Sept. 18-19-20
California	Monterey	Oct. 1-2-3-4
New Hampshire	Laconia	Oct. 17-18-19

Our Most Valuable Students

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Iowa; Richard Gordon Waterman, Helena, Mont.; Frederick Clyde Workmon, Fresno, Calif.; Adolph J. Yates, Butler, Pa.; Robert Watson Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.; Leonard Edgar Porter, Houlton, Me.; Don M. Long, Jefferson City, Mo.; Stanley Henry Weglarz, Franklin, N. H.; Leon Earle Induni, Montpelier, Vt.; Albin Edward Bartkevicius, Milford, Conn.; Roy Louis Schult, Geneva, N. Y.; Kent D. Hoffman, Sharon, Pa.; Stanley Robert Felderman, Clinton, Iowa; Harold Martin

Maller, Hempstead, N. Y.; John Sebastian Thurneysen, Denver, Colo., and Stuart Herzog, Utica, N. Y. (One of the highlights of the Grand Lodge Convention in New York was the presentation of the Reports of the Elks National Foundation by Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and Floyd E. Thompson. In their Reports they stressed the great work that the Foundation is doing. Readers are referred to the Convention Sessions in this issue for further information about these Reports).

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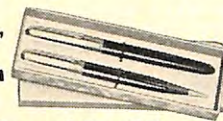
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THE 1952 National Awards Program of Freedoms Foundation marks the fourth year in which modern-day patriots will be recognized for what they say and do on behalf of freedom. Nominations are being received now by the Foundation, which is located at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on the hallowed ground where George Washington and his valiant followers encamped during the dreadful winter of 1777-78.

Elks lodges throughout the country should be interested in the Awards Program—particularly those lodges which sponsor extraordinary Flag Day services, or voluntary patriotic programs. Projects

of this nature may be entered into the community programs category. Awards in this category consist of a top award of \$1000 and the Freedoms Foundation Honor Medal; twenty awards of \$100 and Honor Medal and ten Honor Medal Awards. The enlarged 1952 Awards Program will offer 649 awards in all—240 of which will be in the form of cash and the impressive George Washington Honor Medal.

The objective of Freedoms Foundation is to encourage Americans to speak and act on behalf of the American Way of Life. Toward this end, the Foundation offers an annual \$100,000 National and

School Awards Program. Any American is eligible to enter his own or his neighbor's work in the program.

The Awards Program is not a competition. Rather nominations of materials are accepted and are subjected to an evaluation process.

The deadline for entering nominations in the 1952 Awards Program is November 11. Formal announcement of awards recipients will be made at a ceremony to be held at Valley Forge on George Washington's birthday, February 22, 1953.

Full information on the Awards Program may be obtained by writing Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa.

Committee on Judiciary Report

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sult the Committee prepared the amendment above and it was adopted in lieu of all other proposed resolutions.

Section 99 was amended to clarify and simplify the procedure in obtaining approval of the petition and lists of applicants for membership.

The statutory amendments enacted into the Grand Lodge law will be printed as a supplement to the "Annotated Statutes" forwarded to the secretaries of each lodge and to all persons who have purchased "Annotated Statutes" from the Grand Secretary's office.

Members of the Committee on Judiciary, in addition to Mr. James, are: John C. Cochrane, Toledo, Ohio, lodge; H. L. Blackledge, Kearney, Nebr., lodge; William S. Hawkins, Coeur D'Alene, Ida., lodge and John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., lodge.

Fourth Business Session

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in this Convention hall today. This is sufficient recompense for the year of service I have given to you."

After Mr. Davis spoke, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall installed the new Grand Lodge Officers. For the names of these officers, refer to the summary of the First Business Session. After the installations, the Elks Band from Fargo, N. D., played and the delegates extended a wholehearted ovation.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hall presented a resolution expressing the profound thanks and sincere appreciation of the Order for the Grand Exalted Ruler's work during his term of office. The resolution provides that a testimonial be prepared for Mr. Davis as a token of the esteem of his more than one million Brothers. This resolution was adopted.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Joseph B. Kyle and Mr. Davis were appointed to the Elks National Service Commission.

Grand Exalted Ruler Stern then introduced to the delegates his secretary, Frank V. Archibald, of Fargo, N. D., lodge. Then delegates from the Panama Canal Zone presented the new Grand Exalted Ruler with a Panama hat. The Minneapolis lodge gave Grand Exalted Ruler Stern a solid gold key to the lodge headquarters. General G. A. Fraser, President of the North Dakota State Elks Association, presented Mr. Stern with a new Cadillac on behalf of N.D. Elks.

A Certificate of Appreciation of the In-

fantile Paralysis Foundation was presented to Mr. Stern for his outstanding work as Chairman of the North Dakota Crippled Children's Association. It was

signed by Basil O'Connor, President.

After Grand Exalted Ruler Stern extended his appreciation of this honor, he closed the 88th Grand Lodge Session.

THE GOLDEN RULE THROUGH THE YEARS

WHEN the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks started over 84 years ago, the Golden Rule became its foundation. Ever since then Elks have tried to live up to it. Its eternal truth is indicated by its virility since the earliest days of recorded history.

An ancient inscription has been found in Egypt, which experts date around the year 3550 B.C. They translate it: "If thou be among people, make for thyself love the beginning and end of the heart."

About 1600 B.C. an Egyptian farewell to the dead stated: "He sought for others the good that he desired for himself. Let him pass on."

Around 1500 B.C., a Hindu writing declared: "Pleasing each other, you will attain the highest good."

About 1300 B.C., Moses said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Chinese philosopher, Lao Tse, about 600 B.C., taught: "Requite hatred with goodness."

Confucius, the Great Chinese teacher, said about 500 B.C.: "What you would not want done to yourself, do not do to others."

Aristotle, the Greek philosopher who died before 300 B.C., said: "We should behave to friends as we would wish friends to behave to us."

In the same period, Alexander the Great entered Persia and found an old Zoroastrian precept: "Do as you would be done by."

About 150 B.C., a Hindu epic repeated the great rule, saying, "This is the sum of all true righteousness: Deal with others as thou wouldst thyself be dealt by. Do nothing to thy neighbor that thou wouldst not have him do unto thee."

Jesus, who knew much about earlier teachings, said: "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them."

About 50 A.D., a Roman statesman put it into other words: "In your dealings with others, harm not that you be not harmed."

Around 600 A.D., Mohammed taught: "Love for men what you love for yourself."

This item of interest to all Elks was taken from "The Belt", the well-edited lodge bulletin of Boulder, Colo., lodge.

Pro Football Comes of Age

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the pros in restoring the goal posts to the goal line. The art of field goal kicking is as dead as Marley's ghost on every campus. However, the pros will average almost one a game.

This is a vitally important difference, changing all strategic concepts and making an enormously different sport of it. A college team that surges past midfield still has some 40 to 50 yards to go for a score. A pro team is in scoring territory once it advances beyond midfield because it has field goal kickers of such uncanny accuracy that they can—and do—boot those three-pointers from as far away as 53 yards.

Not only does this contrive to eliminate tie scores (there were only three deadlocks in the National Football League last year and none whatsoever the year before) but it makes for an infinitely more exciting spectacle.

The New York Giants once played a team of All-Star collegians under a set of hybrid rules, part pro and part college.

"When can I get up and run again after being knocked down, Steve?" asked Tuffy Leemans of Coach Steve Owen. "These crazy rules permit me to get up and run sometimes but forbid it on others. How do I know which is which?"

"Whenever you're knocked down, son," drawled Stout Steve, "you just pick yourself up and run. If you're doing the wrong thing, the referee's whistle will let you know about it. He can always recall you. But he can't pick you up and give you whatever extra yardage you might be entitled to."

THE collegians specifically designed that business of no-running-after-being-spilled as a protection for the immature youths who play their game. The "play-for-pay" boys need no such protection. They are grown men, admirably suited to take care of themselves.

When Paul Brown, the brooding genius who coaches the Cleveland Browns, entered pro ball, he had the notion that he'd have a team patterned after his Ohio State powerhouses—light enough to be fast and mobile. But he soon discovered that there is no compensation for sheer weight in the pro game. He got himself Chubby Grigg as a tackle. The immovable Chubby, weighs 285 pounds.

Rare is the college line which aver-

ages 200 pounds. Almost never does any professional lineman weigh as little as 200 pounds. Take last year's Giants as an example. Their ends averaged 203, their tackles 238, their guards 226 and their centers 242. They all can move, too. Arnie Weinmeister, a 235-pound tackle, is one of the fastest men in the league, linemen or backs.

That's where the pros have it all over the collegians. This is post-graduate football at its superlative best. The pros handpick the college stars who immediately are regarded (this is the irony of it) as "freshmen" in "play-for-pay" ranks. Rare is the freshman who can make the pro varsity in his first year.

A decade or so ago the Chicago Bears had one of the great teams of all time. This was the club which had demolished the Washington Redskins for the championship, 73 to 0. George Halas was loaded with everything, backs, linemen and whatever he needed. And what does the Papa Bear do but draft Tommy Harmon of Michigan, the super sensation of the campus. Thereupon Tim Cohane was inspired to write his now immortal jingle. It went thusly:

*If Harmon takes the offer
To fit in Halas' scheme,
The question then to proffer
Is: Can he make the team?*

It never was answered because Harmon eschewed pro ball upon his graduation. When he finally got around to it, he was very good but far from great.

The beauty of professional ball—again it's the inevitable comparison with the colleges—is that a campus coach has to take what comes to him while the pro coach can go searching for what he wants. A striking example could be found in the case of Sleepy Jim Crowley at Fordham during the era of the famed, "Seven Blocks of Granite."

Sleepy Jim had a whale of a defensive team but no ball carriers to supplement them. Then the Granite behemoths graduated just as a slew of fine ball carriers matriculated at school. Jim finally had his crack backfield but no line.

A pro coach never would find himself in that dilemma. If he needed backs, he'd go out and get them either by purchase or trade. Hence a pro team is always a rounded team. Furthermore, it is better drilled and better trained than the collegians. Football on the campus is only a part-time job to the main task of education. Football in the "play-for-pay" set is a full-time job.

In a way this was the biggest obstacle the pros had to surmount in their earliest days, the convincing of the paying public that their sport had become worthy of patronage. It hardly deserved it in the old days.

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Teams were hastily recruited, often with college stars playing under assumed names. The teams would assemble in hotel lobbies on a Sunday morning, walk through a signal practice of sorts and then announce themselves ready.

In the game itself there was little concerted effort of actual teamwork. If the ball carrier headed for the right side of the line, then the right side of the line would block for him, while the left side leaned indolently and avoided getting hurt. Perhaps this week's team-mates would be next week's rivals. That's how haphazard it all was.

Organization emerged from chaos when the National Football League was founded in 1921. For almost a dozen years it was just a grandiose shakedown cruise and only three of the original members still remain, the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cardinals and the Green Bay Packers. Since then, there have been 32 member teams in all, including something called the Oolong Indians.

Now it is truly a "National" league, especially since it has transferred its white elephant franchise, the New York Yanks, to Dallas in the heart of the football-crazy Southwest. Perhaps, the Chicago Cardinal franchise will be switched to Houston sometime in the near future. Then the league will be set:

As it consists now it has two divisions: Chicago Bears, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, Detroit and Green Bay in one group and Chicago Cardinals, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Washington and Cleveland in the other.

The smart, hard-hitting, teeth-rattling and spectacular play they unfold week after week is no accident. The modern pro team will report in pre-season training camp in late July or early August for six weeks or so of preliminary work with squads of 50 to 60 big bruisers who glory in the lusty give and take of daily scrimmage.

It is in camp that the coaches separate the men from the boys. The Giants once had a powerfully built candidate who had little interest in scrimmaging. He'd conveniently fake an injury when contact drills were ordered but he always was the first man in line for meals.

Steve Owen has been around a long time and no one ever fools him. So he waited three days and then walked over to his reluctant dragon, an amused glint in his eyes.

"Son," drawled Stout Steve, "They just broke your plate in the dining room."

It was his gentle way of telling the wayward hopeful that he'd been fired.

The battle for places always is a titanic one. The squad limit, once the season gets under way, is 33 men. That means that almost half have to be cut loose in training. Unless a fellow has a true love for the game, he'll never amount to much.

The monetary rewards now are great. When Owen himself joined the Giants as a tackle in 1926, Owner Tim Mara asked



Coach George Halas, of the Chicago Bears, and Sid Luckman, a superstar of football.

him what he'd been getting with the Kansas City Cowboys the year before.

"Fifty dollars a game, Mr. Mara," said Steve.

"I'll double it," said Tim generously.

But Mara's Giant payroll this season probably will be a quarter of a million dollars, with Chuckin' Charlie Conerly getting \$20,000 per annum and Kyle Rote probably as much. They, however, are backfield performers and backs normally get twice as much as linemen. Yet Arnie Weinmeister, a tackle, undoubtedly will haul in the equivalent of a thousand dollars a game. Stout Steve, also a tackle, had the misfortune to arrive on the scene one generation too soon.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins owns a tidy little ranch of 6,300 acres in his native Texas. Pro football enabled him to buy it. Danny Fortmann went through medical school and Johnny Siegal through dental school while playing for the Chicago Bears. Those and related cases can be multiplied by the hundreds and maybe even by the thousands. Handsome nest eggs can now be found in the play-for-pay sport. This is big business in every respect.

But the stars are worth what they get because they draw in the crowds. Truly are they phenomenal performers. When Baugh first joined the Redskins, Coach Ray Flaherty diagramed a play for him.

"This is the way it goes, Sammy," said the coach, rapidly marking the blackboard with chalk. "The right end takes ten paces straight ahead and then he veers off in this direction. Just as he reaches this spot I've marked with an X, I want you to hit him in the eye with the ball."

"Which eye?" asked Sammy.

These artists almost are that perfect in their work. And work they do. Once the season is under way the teams rarely scrimmage because the heavy duty job is taken care of in training camp. But they practice every morning from Tuesday through Saturday, play on Sunday and

then get one whole day a week off to themselves, Monday.

A college coach has to contend with laboratory assignments and late classes to such an extent that some of them never have their entire squad together except during games. And most of their practices are filled with rehearsing fundamentals.

A pro coach always has a full squad. He's disposed of fundamentals and scrimmages. Thus his finely conditioned athletes merely need sharpening from week to week for the game immediately ahead. What is more, he knows his rivals almost as well as he knows his own team because he faces each foe twice each year and he's spent countless hours in studying motion pictures of previous games.

Let's suppose the Giants are about to play the Browns. On his Monday off day, Owen will run and re-run movies of previous Giant-Brown games. Then he shows the films to his assembled squad at 9:30 Tuesday morning at the Polo Grounds, adding caustic comments where necessary.

After that brushing up is completed, Scout Jack Lavelle will lead the parade to the gridiron, equipped with a huge book of Cleveland plays. The boys will be familiar enough with the old ones but Lavelle will warn them of changes in assignment or the like.

Then the A team will assume the roles of the Cleveland Browns with Conerly assuming the role of Otto Graham, his opposite number as T-formation quarterback. The B team will defend in a dummy scrimmage. After they have become completely reacquainted with the Brownie attack, they switch sides. The B team, Travis Tidwell impersonating Graham, will attack the A team. Then the A's will run the Giant offense against the Cleveland defense. After that the B's do the same.

In other words the Giants, in effect, prepare for the Browns inside out and outside in. There couldn't possibly be a more thorough preparation than this. Incidentally, the Giant attack will get a bit of refurbishing. Plays that worked well against the Brownies in the previous games will be emphasized and ones that failed will be discarded in favor of ones designed to exploit newly discovered weaknesses.

Outguessing the other fellow is rather difficult in pro ball. Coaches and players are too smart, too experienced and too clever for it to happen very often.

Much of pro football's immense surge in popularity is due to its splendiferous collection of superstars, players like Don Hutson, Sammy Baugh, Sid Luckman, Johnny Lujack, Bronko Nagurski, Otto Graham, Mel Hein, Bob Waterfield, Ken Strong and the like.

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determined on a won-and-lost record. Interest in the title race soon disappeared, however, if a team went far in front as the 1929 Packers did when they didn't lose a game.

But in 1933 the league was divided into East and West divisions with each divisional champion meeting the other in the play-off. It was a rousing, palpitating, nerve-tingling show from the very start and left fans stunned and unbelieving. Furthermore, it came in mid-December when the college season was over, the sports pages barren of fresh news. So it couldn't help but click.

Just before the season ended in 1933 the Giants clashed with the Bears on the sodden, soggy, rain-drenched turf at Wrigley Field. Neither team could budge the other. Time was running out as Ken Strong of the Giants, a truly great performer, dropped back for a field goal attempt.

He kicked it. "Offside!" shouted an official. So the ball moved back five yards and Strong tried again. His unerring toe delivered. "Offside!" shouted the official again. Back moved the ball another five yards. Once more he booted, straight and true. Silence from the official. It was the winning margin in a 3-0 victory.

While Strong was engaging in his marathon kicking contest, Owen was pacing the sidelines, a puzzled frown on his face. He kept staring at his little (240 pounds) brother Bill, a Giant tackle. No sooner had the field goal been completed than Stout Steve summoned Bill to the sidelines.

"Whatsa matter with you?" howled Steve. "Joe Kopcha of the Bears was across the scrimmage line from you and you could have murdered him. He was all out of position and you never knocked him over once. Why?"

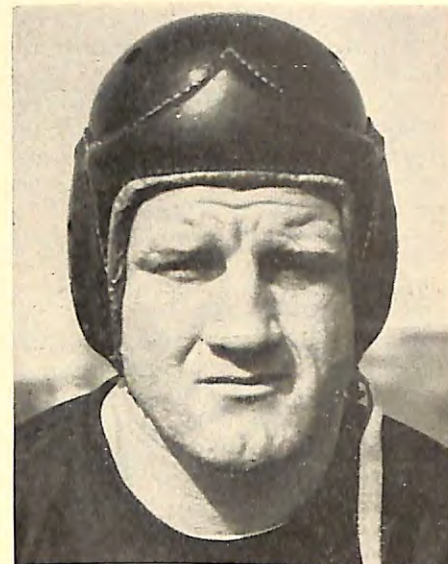
Bill Owen looked sheepishly at his big (270 pounds) brother.

"Gosh, Steve," he pleaded. "I just couldn't. Every time Ken made ready to kick, Kopcha would drop on his knees, clasp his hands, turn his eyes to heaven and say, 'Please, God. Don't let him make it.' Gosh, Steve, you wouldn't want me to sock a guy while he was praying—would you?"

Stout Steve stifled a smile and walked away.

A week or so later these same two teams collided head-on once more for the championship itself. It was a thriller-diller as the Bears won, 23 to 21, in a game in which the lead changed hands seven times. The next year it was an equally spectacular show. The Bears led the Giants, 13 to 3, at halftime on the frozen Polo Grounds turf.

The great Bronko Nagurski was unstoppable as he ploughed straight ahead. Giant tacklers could get no purchase on the icy ground with their cleated shoes. They just slid. Before the half ended, though, the cagey Owen dispatched Abe Cohen, his equipment manager, to Man-



The football player that makes virtually every all-time pro team—Bronko Nagurski.

hattan College to borrow all the basketball sneakers he could find.

Thus did this become the famous "sneaker" game. The Giants, shod with rubber-soled shoes in the second half, could hold their footing. The Bears couldn't. The Giants won, 34 to 13. That idea made pro football in New York and the Giants never wanted for crowds again. One year they averaged 50,000 spectators per game at the Polo Grounds, slightly above normal capacity.

But the play-off which pushed pro football over the top was the one in 1940. Two weeks previously the Washington Redskins had vanquished the Chicago Bears, 7 to 3. On the last play the claim of interference on a Sid Luckman pass into the end zone for the winning touchdown was disallowed. The Bears were furious.

A few days later George Halas, the Papa Bear, thoughtfully poured kerosene on the fire by pinning on his bulletin board a statement issued by George Preston Marshall, the flamboyant and talkative owner of the Capital Braves. Marshall had said that the Monsters of the Midway were cry-babies and quitters who never could win the close ones.

After that Halas' main job was to keep the chains on his ravenous and angry Bears. His game strategy was so simple as to seem almost ludicrous. He reasoned that a winning coach usually leaves a winning defense unchanged and that Ray Flaherty could be expected to use the same Redskin defenses in the play-off as he had in the regular season fray.

The 'Skins kicked off to the Monsters. Sid Luckman tried one line plunge merely as a feeler, probing out the Washington defense. He found it unchanged. Then the Bears went to work.

Bullet Bill Osmanski rocketed off tackle and sped 68 yards for a touchdown behind the most fiendish blocking I ever saw in my life. So perfect were the Bears in carrying out their assign-

ments that George Wilson, an end, held off his downfield block until he had two Redskin defenders in his exact line of fire. Then he erased them both with a single block.

The fun had just begun. The Bears were the greatest team of all time on that one historic afternoon. They could do nothing wrong. They scored when they were on the offense as well as when the Redskins were on the offense, intercepting passes, recovering fumbles and everything else.

It was so hilarious near the end that the referee had to make an unprecedented request. After every point conversion Washington fans in Griffith Stadium kept the football as a souvenir. They already had appropriated ten of them and the ball in play was the only one left. And the Monsters gleefully scored their eleventh touchdown. Into their huddle barged the referee.

"This is the last ball we have left, fellows," he said plaintively. "Would you mind throwing a pass for the extra point instead of kicking it into the stands?"

"Like the little gentlemen we were," joyously recounted Halas afterwards,

Rod and Gun

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had qualified, barely in the nick of time. Instead of any indication of deep-felt triumph, however, Frank gazed long and carefully at the fruits of his marksmanship. Then he dropped it into the stream, thoughtfully and finally, and as it floated away he sank with a groan into a huddled attitude of absolute dejection.

We waited for him. At last he dressed and climbed the bank, gathering his shed garments as he came. He went directly to his blind and picked up gun and shell bag, then came slowly toward the spot where we were waiting.

His face, as he approached, bore an expression unlike any other I have ever seen. It was not one to invite questions, but somebody finally voiced the thought that was uppermost in every mind. "Why," he blurted, "did you throw your dove away?"

Frank's answer, when he finally gave it, prostrated his friends with howls and shrieks and scarlet-faced chokings of laughter. Really, it wasn't funny. It was awful. But adult men at times revert easily to the savagery of boyhood.

After this buildup, after a season's shooting, after the mad, clothes-shedding dash down the bank and the desperate plunge into the river, it would have taken a better man than I to stifle his mirth at the deliberately uttered words: "It was a darn robin."

Really, we should have been shot for laughing—although I, for one, could not have prevented it to avoid sudden death in 30 seconds. Even more, we should have known better than to start a beginner on doves. If there is any game bird that

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Pro football had finally grown up. But before it could consolidate its gains, the war came along. As soon as that ended, another war struck. This was the one between the established National Football League and the newly formed All-America Conference. Once the new group capitulated before the opening of the 1950 season, the game leaped ahead as it never had before.

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definitely is not for beginners, it is the sad-voiced mourning dove. He is tricky, fast, exasperating. I have seen experienced wing shots, men who were good on quail or ducks or at the traps, humbled by the deceitful dove.

There are several things that combine to make the mourning dove one of the trickiest of targets. He has a terrific change of pace. He can flutter along at only a few feet per second or bore through the air at a sizzling rate. He has a rocking, twisting, dodging flight, and apparently there is no rhythm to it. This means that if you attempt to swing with him—as you must on passing birds—he is likely to dodge out of the pattern just as you send it on its way. In addition, he isn't very big. Run-of-the-bag doves that I have weighed averaged between four and five ounces apiece. It takes a tight pattern to stop him.

This, coupled with the fact that he is the most loosely feathered of all game birds, has given rise to the common belief that a dove can carry off a lot of lead. Actually, when a handful of feathers drifts down and the bird keeps on flying, you probably didn't hit him at all. Two or three shot raking through his jacket will make it shed feathers like a tree sheds leaves following a frosty night. One or two fair hits with No. 7½ shot usually will bring a dove to earth.

The great dove-shooting area is in the South, although some doves are found in all the 48 states. Normally, there is an open season in about 28 of them. Hunting methods vary with the locality. The typical Southern dove shoot is a community



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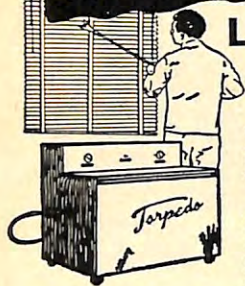
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In other areas, the hunters usually take their stands along the flyway to a roost or water hole. The man who has not tried this pass shooting at doves has a new experience to look forward to, especially if he happens to choose a day when the wind is blowing. Pass shooting ducks in the wind is tough enough. A dove quartering across a stiff breeze is a target to inspire screaming frustration.

I remember one such day several years ago. My wife and I were hidden in the willows along a dry stream bed, 400 yards from the spot where a tiny spring oozed out to form the only pool of water within miles. About four in the afternoon, the doves began flocking to it. Coming in, they passed us from right to left, flying upstream to the water. When they left, many of them passed us again, flying in the other direction. A moderate wind was blowing into our faces, approximately at right angles to the general flight line.

The shots were tough, but not impossible (I think). My wife got one dove out of her first box of shells. I'd rather not say just how many I *did* get. But it was fun, and if there is anything harder to figure than the lead on a dove flying across the wind, I'd like to know what it is.

There is still one other kind of dove shooting. Ordinarily, it is good only early in the season, before they get wild. Any number of hunters from two to a dozen or so walk abreast across the fields and shoot the birds as they flush. This is the easiest and least sporting of all. It seems to require several yards for a dove to hit top speed. Fortunately, it doesn't last long. The birds soon learn to flush out of range.

Folks who don't shoot doves are likely to be misled by their mournful voice and helpless appearance. Occasionally, somebody starts an agitation to put them on the protected list. Hunters find this amusing. Given half a break, no bird is better

able to take care of itself than the mourning dove.

They breed in every state in the Union—the only game bird that does. Their nests are makeshift platforms of twigs and they ordinarily lay only a couple of eggs—sometimes three. This doesn't look like much increase, but here is how the dove makes up for his small family: The first nest is built early in the season—the exact date, of course, depending on the weather and latitude—and as soon as one family is brought off another is started.

The eggs hatch in fourteen days and then, believe it or not, the young grow to full size in about two weeks more. This makes the entire rearing process only a month long, and it gives a pair of doves time to bring off two or three broods, even in the North.

During the past few years, doves have decreased somewhat in numbers in the South and Southeast. This has been blamed on a number of factors, including the increased use of insecticides in agriculture. The Fish and Wildlife Service field men have found no evidence to verify this suspicion, however. (Doves feed exclusively on weed seeds, grain and similar food; never on bugs.)

Occasionally, doves freeze in the South, even though some of them winter as far north as Ontario. The reason apparently is that those which stay in the North gradually become accustomed to the cold while a sudden freeze in the South hits them hard.

They have not decreased sufficiently, even in the Southeast, however, to necessitate a closed season. In other parts of the country they are as numerous as ever, and last spring I saw more doves in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon than I can ever remember seeing there before.

I hope it never becomes necessary to close the season on this, the trickiest of aerial targets. One of the best things about the approach of frosty nights each year is the anticipation of whistling wings, blued tubes swung fast, the crack of nitro, and the puff of feathers that means a solid hit.

Lodge Activities Committee Report

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suggested and the Committee definitely was of the opinion that, while there is much to be done in this matter, losses for the year would have been considerably greater had not this program been put into effect. The Committee was pleased to note that the lodge year ended with several thousand less delinquents than in the previous year.

Lodge Bulletin Contest

Realizing the values of a good lodge bulletin and in order to increase the interest in these publications in an endeavor to have the lodges improve them, the Lodge Activities Committee decided to continue the Lodge Bulletin Contest.

Over 100 entries were received and were carefully scrutinized by the Committee and a newspaper editor, who is an active Elk. Judging was particularly difficult in the 500 to 1,000 group where there were so many outstanding bulletins that it became a problem to select the four winners.

The Contest was divided into three groups according to lodge membership, with the following results:

Group I (Over 1,000 Members): 1st—Nashville, Tenn.; 2nd—Boulder, Colo.; 3rd—Salt Lake City, Utah; 4th—Muskegon, Mich.

Group II (500 to 1,000 Members): 1st—Redlands, Calif.; 2nd—Herrin, Ill.;

3rd—Oregon City, Ore.; 4th—Lancaster, Calif.

Group III (Under 500 Members): 1st—Linton, Ind.; 2nd—San Benito, Tex.; 3rd—Three Rivers, Mich.; 4th—Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

The Nashville and Linton Lodges were awarded plaques since they had won this contest previously.

Newspaper Week

National Newspaper Week again was observed in October and the Lodge Activities Committee decided to urge subordinate lodge participation in it. Early in September Mr. Davis sent out the announcement to the lodges pointing out that this event gave every Elk lodge an opportunity to strengthen freedom at home by focusing community attention on the newspapers' role as guardians of our democratic liberties. His letter was followed up by suggestions for planning the observances from the Activities Committee. The observance this year was built on the theme "Free Bill Oatis" and lodges were urged, as part of their program, to adopt a resolution pledging their full support of measures to secure Oatis' release and to send these to President Truman. The results were outstanding, for almost 1,000 lodges forwarded Oatis resolutions. Many of them also sent copies to members of Congress and a number of them appeared in the "Congressional Record." Marion, Ill., lodge, hometown of Bill Oatis, built its entire program around this theme. Citizens of the city signed an 800-foot scroll demanding the release of the newspaper man. A delegation from the lodge went to Washington and presented this scroll, with 12,000 signatures, to President Truman's Press Secretary. Nearly 900 lodges observed Newspaper Week.

The Committee made a Special Award to Marion Lodge and also made the following awards of certificates:

Group I (Over 1,000 Members): 1st—Phoenix, Ariz.; 2nd—Los Angeles, Calif.; 3rd—Bismarck, N. D.; 4th—Miami, Fla.

Group II (500 to 1,000 Members): 1st—Fond du Lac, Wis.; 2nd—San Juan, P. R.; 3rd—Dallas, Tex.; 4th—Johnstown, Pa.

Group III (Under 500 Members): 1st—Waycross, Ga.; 2nd—Salisbury, Md.; 3rd—Lufkin, Tex.; 4th—Revere, Mass.

Honorable Mention was given to Wheeling, W. Va., Sunbury, Pa., and Charleston, W. Va.

Memorial Services

The observance of Memorial Services on the first Sunday of December was encouraged and stimulated by an invitation to the lodges to submit reports of their observances for recognition. The Committee was more than gratified by the outstanding programs that were submitted. Thirty-three states were represented in this contest and in its Annual Report the Grand Lodge Activities Committee particularly commended the way that

lodges reached out to their communities and made their services one in which relatives and friends of departed members as well as non-members were invited to participate. Chairman Donaldson reported that special recognition is due Nashville, Tenn., Lodge, for this year marks the fourth time that top honors in the 1,000-Member Group were won. For the third time the Cumberland, Md., lodge won in Group II. Both these lodges received special plaques.

Citations from the Grand Exalted Ruler were awarded to the following:

Group I (Over 1,000 Members):—Nashville, Tenn.; 2nd—Tacoma, Wash.; 3rd—Portland, Ore.

Group II (500 to 1,000 Members): 1st—Cumberland, Md.; 2nd—Berwick, Pa.; 3rd—Dillon, Mont.

Group III (Under 500 Members): 1st—Reidsville, N. C.; 2nd—Delta, Colo.; 3rd—Elwood, Ind.

Christmas Charities

The participation of lodges in the Christmas charity programs was so extensive that it was impossible for this publication to cover all of them and, therefore, this year the Activities Committee singled out lodges that in their opinion did an outstanding job.

These results were published in the April issue of *The Elks Magazine* and citations from the Grand Exalted Ruler were given to the following lodges:

Group I (Over 1,000 Members): 1st—San Antonio, Tex.; 2nd—Miami, Fla.; 3rd—Huntington Park, Calif.

Group II (500 to 1,000 Members): 1st—McAllen, Tex.; 2nd—Price, Utah; 3rd—Sioux City, Ia.

Group III (Under 500 Members): 1st—Hillsdale, Mich.; 2nd—Lordsburg, N. M.; 3rd—Bucyrus, Ohio.

The Committee saw a possibility of broadening this contest to include other charitable programs, some of which were truly outstanding. To give a particular example, in its Report the Committee spoke of the Annual Bazaar conducted by Queens Borough Lodge No. 878. Last year this lodge distributed \$250,000 to more than 100 hospitals and other organizations, thus providing an inspiration to all lodges.

Flag Day

A reminder of this mandatory service was sent to all the subordinate lodges suggesting that they take the lead in the observance by planning appropriate services to which they extend an invitation to all the organizations in their community.

The Flag Day announcements were made at the Grand Lodge Session and a report on the results appears on page 17 of this issue.

Conclusion

"It has been a pleasure for us to serve as members of the Activities Committee this year," stated the Committee

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in concluding its Report. The Committee particularly extended its gratitude to Otho De Vilbiss, public relations director, and Regina Fisher, associate editor of *The Elks Magazine*, for their cooperation and to Bert Thompson, Activities Coordinator, for his many kindnesses. The work of the District Deputies and

subordinate lodge officers to aid and augment and carry out the year's program earned the gratitude of the Committee.

Members of the Lodge Activities Committee submitting the Report were: Chairman Lee A. Donaldson, R. Leonard Bush, Chelsie J. Senerchia, James A. Bresnahan and Sid. E. Patterson.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

AT THE MEETING of the Board of Grand Trustees following the closing of the 1951 Grand Lodge Session in Chicago last July, Douglas E. Lambourne was elected Chairman and also Approving Member; Thomas J. Brady, Vice-Chairman and Secretary; Fred L. Bohn, Home Member. Other Members of the Board are Nick H. Feder and Arthur M. Umlandt. During the year the Board of Grand Trustees held meetings at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., in November; Hotel Commodore, New York, in February; again at the Elks National Home in May, and July 10 in New York before the Convention.

Testimonials

In accordance with the direction of the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago, the Board of Grand Trustees procured and presented three suitable testimonials. One was presented to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, one to Sam Stern, retiring Chairman of the Board, and one to the Vice-Chairman and Home Member of the Board, Howard R. Davis, who retired to take the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

Purchase of Securities

During the year the Board purchased United States Bonds (Series "G") in the amount of \$85,000 for the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund.

Building Applications

Seventy-five subordinate lodges requested approval to purchase, sell, make alterations, or erect new buildings during the fiscal year ending May 31. Authorization was granted by the Board of Grand Trustees to 72 lodges and these authorizations were concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler. The Board reports that the total amount for the purchase of property and additions or alterations to buildings, including contemplated expenditures for furniture and equipment, amounted to \$2,060,584.13. The Board also approved the sale or exchange of property totalling \$211,500. Applications from three lodges were either disapproved or returned without Board action being taken.

Elks National Home

The Statutes of the Grand Lodge assign the duty of supervising the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va., to the Board

of Grand Trustees. At the time the Board submitted its Report there were nearly 300 residents at the Elks National Home, which recently had been appraised at a valuation in excess of \$2,300,000. "Therein lies a great investment on these 167 acres of fine Virginia farmland, but the intrinsic value is small compared to the great return that has been made to our Brothers who have been privileged to live there during these many years", the Board stated in its Report to the Grand Lodge.

The operation of the Home is under the direction of Superintendent Robert A. Scott, who has administered the affairs of the Home for the past 25 years. The Board in its Report particularly commended Superintendent Scott for his great contribution to making the Elks National Home the outstanding residence of its kind in the United States. Only a few months ago the governor of one of the great Western states asked the advice of Superintendent Scott to help establish in his own state a Home like the Elks have in Bedford. Elks may well take advantage of this beautiful Home, for it has every modern convenience and comfort, the Board stressed in its Report.

Expenses, etc.

For the year ending May 31st, the average number of residents at the Home was 281 and the average cost per resident was \$703.13, the Board reported. This represents a decrease of 11 in the average number of residents and an increase in the average cost per resident of \$49.28. This was particularly encouraging because, in spite of the rise in costs, the increase of \$49.28 compares with an increase of \$66.97 for the previous year. Net operating cost of the Home for the year was \$129,055.97, the Board stated. This cost is arrived at after taking credit for maintenance payments by the subordinate lodges as well as maintenance recoveries.

Grand Lodge Statutes provide that the Grand Lodge pay one-half the maintenance cost of residents at the Home, with the Subordinate Lodge to which the guest belongs paying the other half. Guests receiving pensions of any kind are permitted to retain a reasonable amount for spending money, with the balance applied against maintenance costs, thus reducing the monthly amount paid by both the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodge.

Blood Campaign Success Story

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City, Pa., for instance, had the Bloodmobile make three visits to its home and more donations were made than it expected every single time; Vicksburg, Miss., Lodge turned over the use of its home, and its facilities, to the Red Cross which expressed its heartfelt appreciation for this cooperation in a very gracious letter to the lodge officials. Hemet, Calif., Lodge is rightfully proud of the fact that it went over its quota by 100 pints and East Stroudsburg, Pa., Lodge reports that its Exalted Ruler, Theodore Hoffman, a third-generation Elk deeply imbued with the spirit of the Order, gave his 18th pint of blood during his lodge's campaign.

Mr. Davis paid tribute to the Elks of the State of Washington who led the collection of State groups with a 55,000-pint contribution, 18 per cent over their quota, followed by their neighbors in Idaho who made 69 per cent of their quota, and by Oregon, with 64 per cent; Minnesota and Vermont, with 61 per cent, and North Carolina, with 53 per cent.

The Order's 1951-1952 leader also expressed admiration for the Elks of Nevada, North Dakota, Colorado, Texas, Maine and New Mexico who, through diligent effort and dogged determination, made tremendous progress toward making their quotas, despite the scarcity of collection facilities in those States.

Fargo, N. D., Lodge, which donated 1,815 pints in three months, informs us that at the last clinic, the 32 members of the lodge's Purple Band gave the cam-

paign 100 per cent cooperation, with every band member donating either personally or through a substitute donor.

The first visit the Bloodmobile made to Albany, Ore., Lodge broke the State's record, and it got 300 pints in one visit to San Fernando, Calif., Lodge. Salmon, Ida., Lodge, with only 262 members, had a turnout of 271 donors on the Bloodmobile visit there, and the first donor in the Price, Utah, Elks' campaign was an Army Air Force Recruiting Sgt., E. H. Horrocks. When a crew from the SS John Goode came off watch at San Pedro, Calif., they were greeted by retiring E.R. Frank Masse and E.R.-elect Irwin Logan who escorted the seamen by taxi to the lodge home to make their donations.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Lodge's campaign was extremely successful, earning fine editorial comment in the local newspapers. A human-interest item in connection with this campaign concerns Dunkirk's two champion blood donors—one, Nelson Currier, who had given 53 pints; the other, Howard Brown, who had made 49 donations. Both men had been advised by physicians against donating further but Mr. Brown, anxious to equal Mr. Currier's record, very quietly made a donation during the Elks' program there, putting him only three under Mr. Currier. When the latter learned of his rival's *coup*, he too, without bothering to check his physician, made a donation to the Elks' drive, thereby retaining his four-pint lead.

Blood will tell!

For Elks Who Travel

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original church, in front of which stands a wistful statue of Evangeline looking out to the fateful meadows. Great bent and aging willows surround the park, some as old as the Acadian incident nearly 200 years ago.

The best place to stay for a visit to Grand Pré is the lovely English-looking village of Kentville, ten miles away. It has an excellent, ivy-covered hotel, the Cornwallis Inn, run by the Canadian Pacific Railways.

Kentville can also be used as a stop for a visit in the other direction to the Port Royal Habitation at Lower Granville. The Habitation is a life-sized authentic replica of the stockade built by Champlain in 1605. To follow the ancient style, the replica was built with primitive tools using wooden pegs and hand-blown glass. The records kept by Champlain's early group who lived at the Habitation recorded that none of the local meats were as tender as "moosemeat and none so delicate as beaver tail." Here Champlain lived with the governor, a priest, a surgeon among others, while he gathered notes for his book "Voyages 1613," an early bestseller, and made

jottings for his early charts of the Atlantic seacoast.

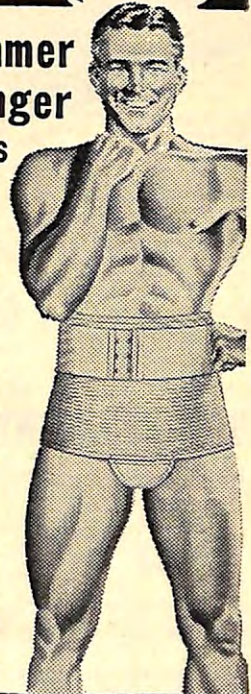
Also near at hand is the fortress of Annapolis Royal, built in 1635, which became the object of a battle royal between the French and the English for over a hundred years. The British, final victors, didn't remove their garrison until 1854. There is a museum on hand commemorating all these hostilities.

Nova Scotia is overnight from Boston to Yarmouth aboard the ships of Eastern Steamship Lines which also carries cars. Buses and trains and the roadways lead from the dock. By train there is "The Gull" rolling out of Boston daily except Saturday, leaving in the evening and arriving twenty-four hours later. Trans Canada flies three times daily. For more news about accommodations, travelers may write the Nova Scotia Bureau of Information, 247 Park Avenue, New York City, and ask for the booklet "Where to Stay in Nova Scotia." It lists places to rest your head near the pines and others near the barnacles. Ambidextrous old Nova Scotia has both. Maybe that's why the French and the British had such a scrap over it.

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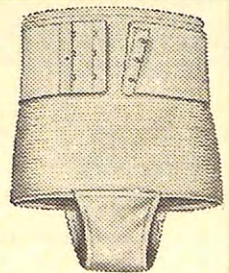
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In the Doghouse

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Company No. 46. Being a fire-dog, naturally he's a Dalmatian. It has been your writer's experience that such purps are always Dalmatians and without exception are appropriately named Smokey. Well, this Smokey, as told in the Cincinnati, Ohio, *Post*, regularly does the bakery shopping for his pals of the firehouse. A worker in the bakery, Ann Rawe, just as regularly waits on Smokey. But Mr. Smokey is a cutie having found that if he hustled into the bakery with a piece of paper retrieved from anywhere he would be rewarded with a cookie. How long he'll get away with this only Ann Rawe or the bakery owner will know. From 'way off Havana, Cuba, the *El Pais* of that city prints the story of Jo-Jo, the dancing dog. There's a comment to the effect that Jo-Jo has no intention of becoming a wallflower. On the contrary, he camps at a local dancing school that teaches ballet as well as other dancing. But no ballroom stuff for Jo-Jo. He declares in on the ballet lessons and whirls around with the other students. San Diego, Calif., gives us another, this time from the *Tribune-Sun*. It seems that Tiny, a fox terrier, four years old had taken to nursing two kittens. She preempted them from little Thomas Davis some time ago. Young Mr. Davis took an unweaned kitten with him when he went to visit his grandmother. He put the kitten on a chair and before you could say "scat", Tiny was up on the chair cuddling kitten. Tommy didn't have a Chinaman's chance to get his cat back while Tiny was around, but he did get another kitten on his way home. Re-

turning to his grandmother the next day, he brought his new kitten. Tiny quickly staked out a claim on that kitten, too, and the kittens thrived. It is further recorded that Tiny permitted no interference with her domestic affairs concerning the kittens.

Here's another scrambled-animal story, but one with a not-so-happy ending. The *San Francisco News* tells us about Oscar, a duck that believes he's a bulldog. Oscar was given as an Easter present to little Margaret Smith, at which time he was a fluffy ball of yellow. Now Miss Smith also owns two bull dogs, Lady Velvet and Diamond Jim. Oscar grew up with the two dogs and, according to Mrs. Smith, keeps those purps constantly duck-pecked. Says Mrs. Smith, "Those two dogs are practically goose-stepping for Oscar." At first the dogs thought it great fun to chivy Oscar around the yard, but they lived to learn their mistake. All they did was to put Oscar in training and when he passed the duckling age he began to assert himself. No poultry food for Oscar. He moved in on the dogs' menus. Ever hear of a duck that wasn't pretty much a vegetarian? Well, you're reading about one right now. Oscar goes in for horsemeat and kibbles. Not content to poach on the poochs' dinner pails, he moved into the doghouse and when either or both dogs want in and Oscar's there first - well, the dogs sleep outside because that duck has a wicked bill and knows how to use it on the tender schnozzles of the dogs.

Robert Schumm reads the Peoria, Illinois, *Journal*, when he can get it. He's

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nad to run a foot-race with a stray dog that likewise developed a fondness for that paper. Mr. Schumm complained to the Pekin bureau of the *Journal* that the dog pilfered his paper from his porch one Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mr. Schumm added that he raced for the paper Monday but the dog beat him to it. He does get his paper on Sunday but he thinks that is because the dog probably sleeps late that day. Mr. Schumm has no redress because he doesn't know who owns the dog, nor does anyone else among his neighbors. Sparky Dusto, a long-haired Chihuahua is a food faddist. He goes for liverwurst in a big way. The New York City, *World-Telegram and Sun* tells what happened to Sparky one night when his master, Ted Walsh of that city, took him out when he went for his Sunday paper one Sunday at one a. m. On the way home he met a motorist whose car was stalled. The car owner asked Mr. Walsh to give his car a push, which Mr. Walsh obligingly did, having first put Sparky on the seat next to the driver. He pushed the car back until the motor started. The driver continued to back up faster and faster with Sparky Dusto going with him. Mr. Walsh is minus one long-haired Chihuahua. A clear case of dognapping.

THE Miami, Florida, *News* tells about Tasket, a blind wire-haired foxterrier owned by Mrs. S. H. Bruner of Pensacola. Tasket had an operation for cataracts and was then fitted with glasses which were cleverly hitched to the dog's collar. Any Texan will tell you that you can't beat Texas for anything and maybe after reading this you'll believe it. It comes to us via the *Houston Chronicle*. The police of that city complained that their new summer uniforms were having a bad effect upon local dogs. As one policeman said "They take one look at us and run off under the nearest house." The uniforms? Nothing startling, dark blue cap, ditto pants and light blue shirt, the same combination worn by the city's dog catchers.

Now here is something that's not facetious nor curious about dogs. It's National Dog Week, September 21-27th. This year is the 25th Anniversary of that week. Its purposes are: 1. A good home for every dog. 2. Eliminating stray dogs from streets and roads. 3. Better informed dog owners. 4. Consideration for dogs and all animals. 5. Emphasizing the dog's use as a companion and protector. 6. Securing fair laws for dogs and dog owners. 7. Respecting the rights of persons who do not own dogs. The week was instituted by Captain Will Judy of Chicago, dog magazine publisher and globe-trotting dog show judge. If you want to know more about this worthy enterprise which really is not confined in its aims to one single week on behalf of dog welfare, I'll be glad to tell you more about it if you'll just drop me a line, requesting further information.

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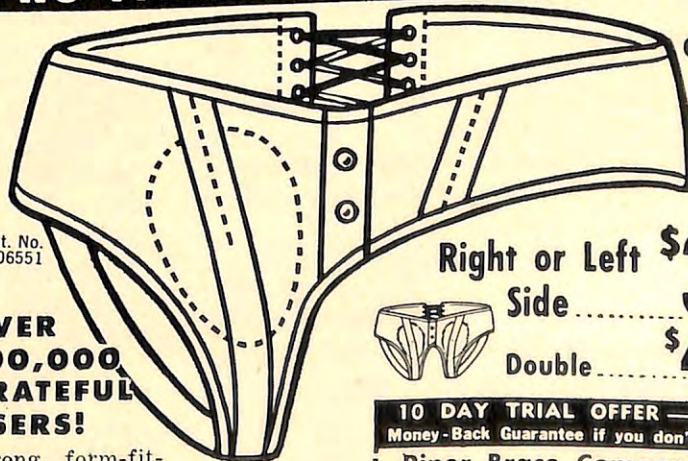
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EDITORIAL

RAYMOND BENJAMIN

In the death of Raymond Benjamin, who served as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1914-1915, the Order of Elks suffered the loss of one of its outstanding leaders.

Only one other Past Grand Exalted Ruler in its history served the Order for a greater number of years following his Grand Exalted Rulership than did Ray Benjamin. None served more continuously and effectively.

He left an impress on the laws, the ritual and the practices of the Order.

Following an initial service as Grand Esquire he advanced through the legal channels of the Grand Lodge.

In his two years as a member of the Committee on Judiciary he showed a deep knowledge and understanding of the laws of the Order. In his two years as Chairman of that Committee he impressed the members of the Grand Lodge by his possession of a clear, keen mind as, with an imposing presence and a forceful presentation, he championed those causes which his Committee had endorsed and fought those statutory changes or resolutions to which he and his Committee were opposed.

No man who ever served as Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary of the Grand Lodge filled that office more brilliantly or successfully.

His record as Grand Exalted Ruler was an impressive one. He introduced many innovations of great value. He was a great ritualist—a perfectionist—and in the ritual of the Order evidence of his imagination and literary powers will live while Elkdom lives.

A valiant advocate, a brilliant debater, an eloquent speaker, he was always listened to in the Grand Lodge with interest and admiration.

A few years after he was Grand Exalted Ruler the suggestion of a creation of an Elks National Foundation was submitted to the Grand Lodge.

He became a member of the Committee appointed to consider the advisability of this move and contributed materially to the preparation of a favorable report and to the study and the determination of the form such a Foundation should take.

He became a Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Foundation at its birth.

The humanitarian activities of the Foundation, to which he gave his devotion from the day of its inception, appealed strongly to him.

He loved that work.

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He gave it the best in his power to give.

Nine years ago he took up his residence in the state of Connecticut and was asked to assume the leadership of Elkdom in that state.

He met that responsibility with the enthusiasm of a much younger man.

He could no longer lead with the vigor of youth but he could counsel and advise with the wisdom of age.

He kindly directed and soundly led the Elks of the state

of his adoption and he won their respect and their deep affection. In his early life he was a distinguished leader of California Elkdom. In his last few years he was a distinguished leader in Connecticut Elkdom. Throughout practically all the years of his membership in the Order he was a leader on a national basis.

He will be gratefully remembered for his service and devotion to the Order and he will be pleasantly remembered for his personal charm, his integrity and his devotion to principle.

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS



The 1952 Grand Lodge Convention of the Order was a rounded success. We feel sure that not only the delegates to the 88th Session and the more than 30,000 members who visited New York in July, but the remaining million Elks as well, join us in an expression of appreciation to all responsible for that happy result.

To the General Convention Chairman, P.G.E.R. James T. Hallinan, who had the able cooperation and assistance of the Vice Chairman, P.G.E.R. George I. Hall, go the Order's warm thanks for the excellent program formulated and for the fraternal experience and executive ability evident in the smooth handling of convention problems. Executive Secretary Bryan McKeogh is to be congratulated on the diligent and efficient manner in which he followed through on all his assignments, both before and during the busy meeting. Sincere thanks are due, too, to the Grand Lodge officers and to all the local officers and members for their part.

It seemed apparent, even before the opening session, that the New York Convention was to be marked with success. While the delegates were arriving, the local press devoted liberal and prominent space to the history of the Order and its accomplishments, publicity which was continued throughout the convention week.

The capacity audience of New Yorkers and visitors who attended the opening public session in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel made for an auspicious start. They echoed the welcomes extended by Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran and Mayor of New York Vincent R. Impellitteri with warm applause.

As the business sessions got under way, the reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary and the chairmen of the several Grand Lodge bodies formed a colorful picture of the progress made by the Order in the past year.

The final stamp of success on the New York Convention was the impression made by the members themselves who again brought credit to the Order by their deportment. No more significant approval of a large, pleasure-minded convention group can be obtained than the endorsement of their conduct by the managers of the hotels in the convention city. And particular recognition is to be given to the Elk Bands, Choruses and musical groups that bring so much to us each year.

It is reassuring to know that the newly elected officers of our Order enter the active fall season with the inspiration of such an excellent convention to serve them as a springboard for their efforts.

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